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METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

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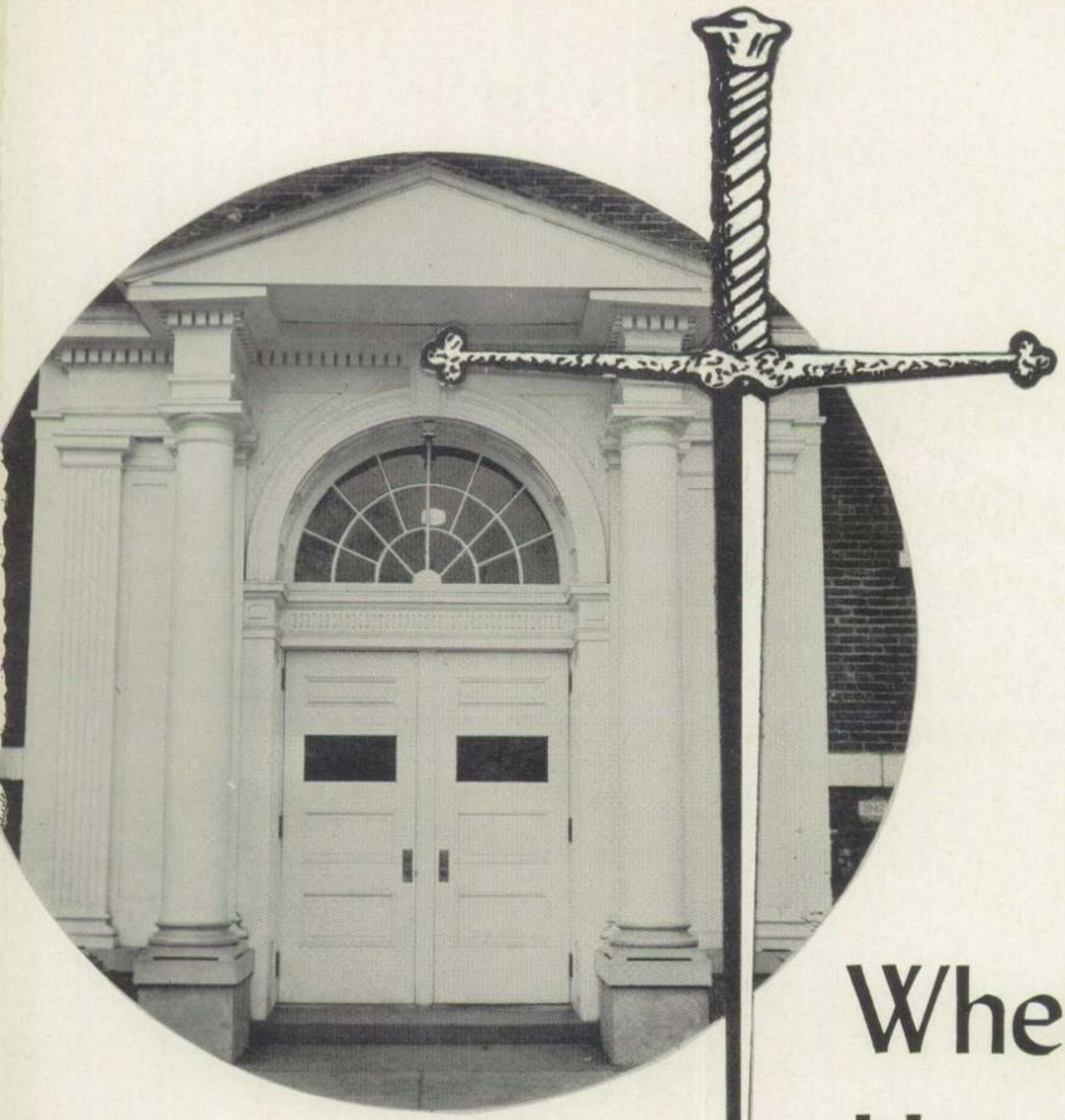

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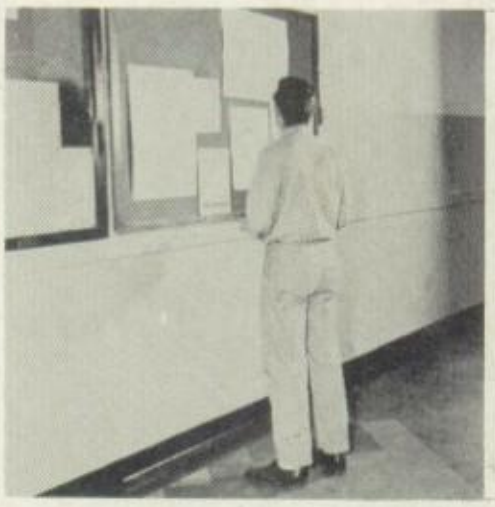

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THE SENIOR CLASS

Metuchen High School,

Metuchen, N. J.

"GOOD COUNSEL HAS NO PRICE . . ."

Good Luck
G. Mickett

DEDICATION

Few people have the inherent ability to lead with a strong hand and still retain the friendship and respect of all of the group. Mr. George Mickett is one of those who have such ability.

Since we first met him when he was a practice teacher during the school year of 1949-1950, he has become a familiar and valuable fixture in our school. Still today, after he has been established as Guidance Co-ordinator, his smile and unceasing efforts to be of service to us who sought his help, will, without a doubt, remain one of our most cherished memories.

In view of this happy, helpful air which we find prevails when we visit the Guidance Office, seeking assistance, we, the Class of 1953, wish to show our appreciation by dedicating the 1953 Blue Letter to our esteemed friend and counselor, Mr. George Mickett.

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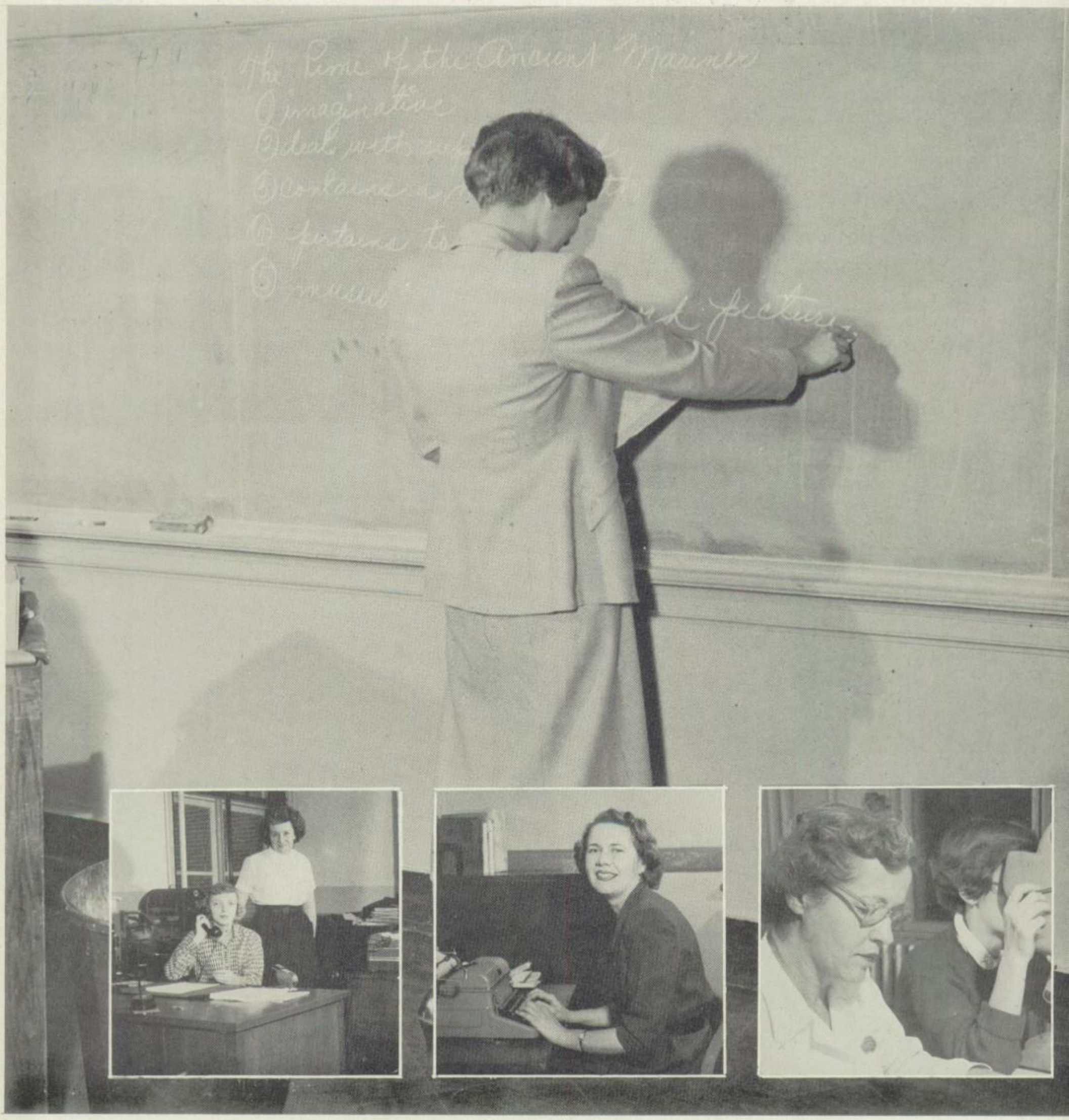
Administration



BOARD OF EDUCATION

1953-1954

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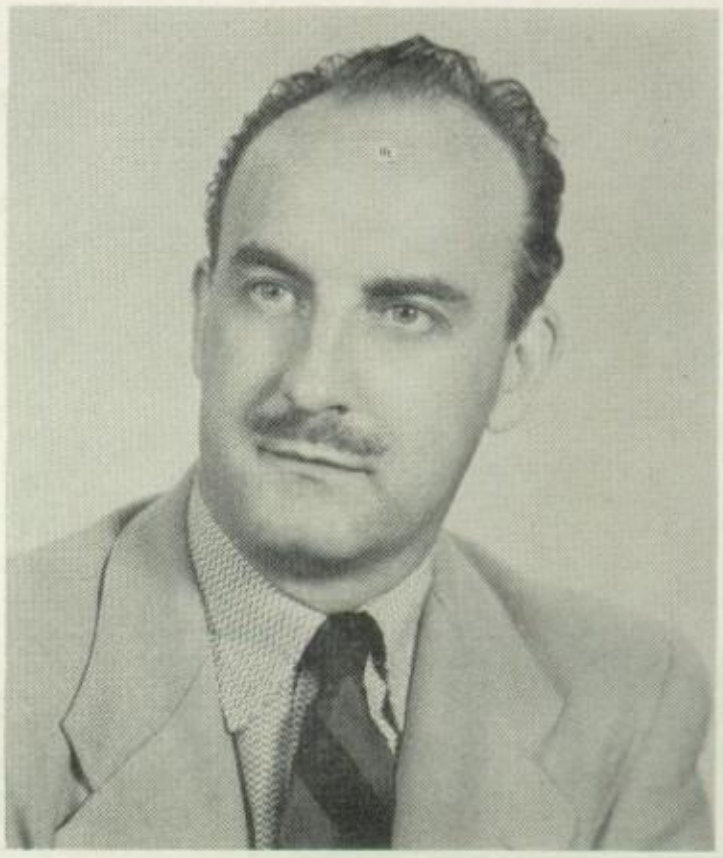
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Leading the way for our school system in establishing and maintaining educational ideals are: the nine members of the Board of Education, who serve as volunteers and are elected by the townspeople; Mr. Bragner, who is the superintendent of schools, and Mr. Schmidtchen, who is the principal of Metuchen High School.



Mr. Paul W. Schmidtchen—Principal

Mr. William E. Bragner—Superintendent of Schools

My sincere wishes
for a bright future -
B. J. Bovers

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The very best to a fine boy. M. de Graff

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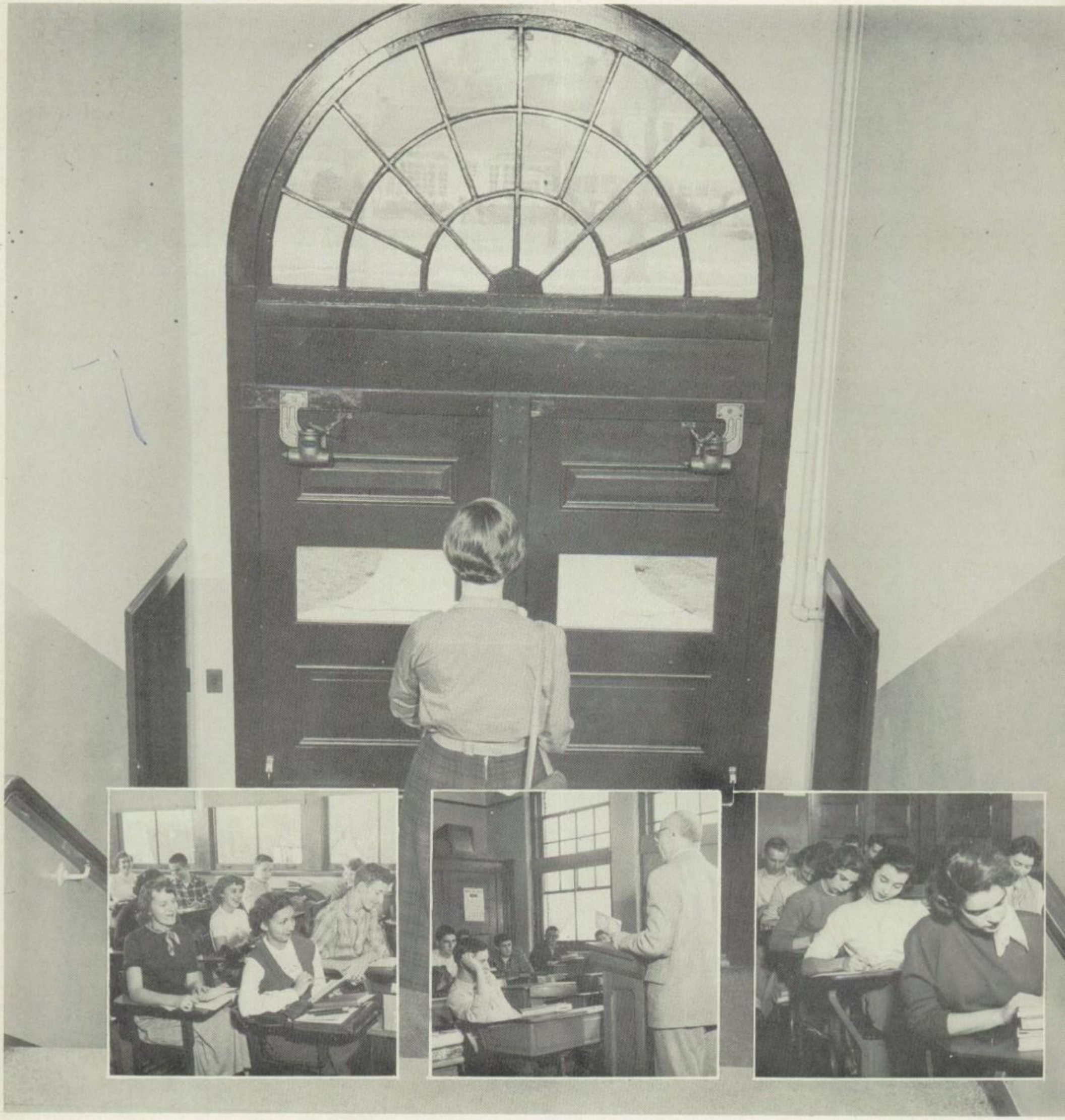
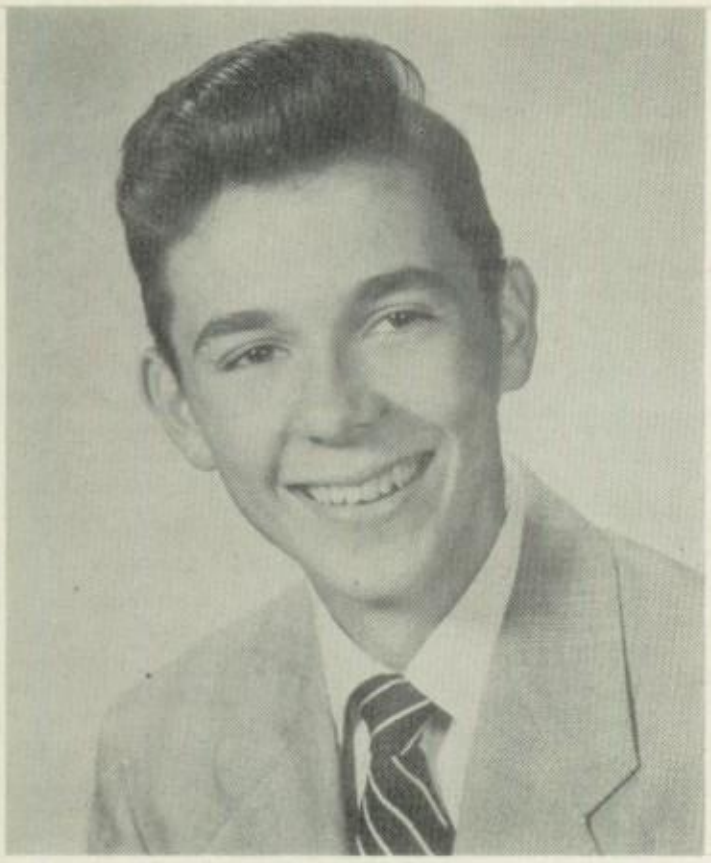
Seniors



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



THOMAS H. KING
"Tom"

Philosophy is the highest music . . . his winning ways shall surely lead to success . . . a Wilsonite . . . that dry humor! . . . top notch dresser . . . battling Bert in cross country.
Creative Writing Club, Varsity Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; class presidents: Sophomore, Junior Senior; Cross Country (4), Indoor (2), Spring Track (4).

ELIZABETH DEMAREST
"Liz"

It takes life to love life . . . charm and graciousness are the making of beauty . . . good taste in clothes.
Blue Letter, Senior Play, Latin Club, Glee Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Senior Class vice-president, G.A.A.

Leadership has responsibilities

VIOLET A. KAMLAH
"Alma"

Sincerity is a virtue . . . quiet, but you know she's there . . . bewildering smiles . . . always willing to help . . . creating calm . . . a friend valued.
Footlighters, F.T.A., German Club, Music Appreciation, Senior Class secretary.

LEON A. CARPENTER
"Tommy"

Act well your part, there all the honor lies . . . an athlete his whole life through . . . mad miser with class money.
Courtesy Patrol, Glee Club, Varsity Club, treasurer: Dances: Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Football (4), Basketball (4), Baseball (4).

ANN ANDERSON
"Ann"

Many and varied activities . . . a special interest in photography . . . busy and business-like . . . advocate of organization . . . ubiquitous . . . an intense individualist.
Band, Baseball, Basketball, Blue Letter, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore; Footlighters, French Club, G.A.A., Latin Club, Library Club, Psychology Club, Red Cross, Student-Faculty Committee.

KENNETH ANDREW
"Kenny"

Worth makes the man . . . the cautious seldom err . . . that Nash . . . musically talented . . . the smooth, easygoing type . . . those things which are hardest to achieve often last the longest.
Band, Christmas Pageant, Dance Band; Glee Club, Junior Dance.

JAMES AURELIO
"Jim"

I loaf and invite my soul . . . a small but mighty man . . . a hunter . . . serious golfer at heart . . . fooling around.
Cross Country, Golf.

BARBARA AYERS
"Bobbie"

Music hath charms to soothe . . . sportsminded miss . . . Miss F.T.A. . . . Mulford, here I come.
Band, Baseball, Basketball, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior; French Club, F.T.A., president; G.A.A., president; Glee Club, Hockey, Latin Club, Library Club, Music Appreciation, Square Dancing, Student Government, Volleyball.

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

LOUISE BARNES
"Lou"

Her stature tall, her manner pleasant . . . soft-spoken . . . sports-minded . . . gifted with good nature . . . a sports winner . . . can hit a softball a mile . . . seen with "the girls."
Baseball, Basketball, Field Day, the "Hub," Volleyball.

ROSEANN M. BASILE
"Rosie"

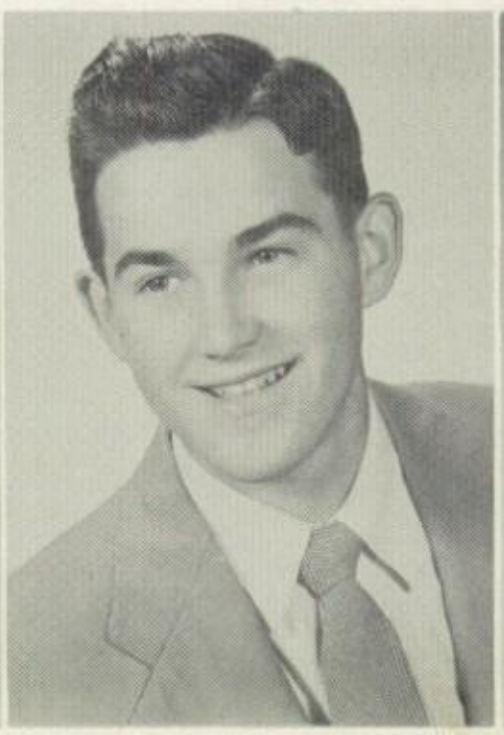
Sugar and spice . . . pleasant personality . . . dark eyes . . . sunny smiles . . . cheerful hello.
Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, F.B.L.A., The "Hub."

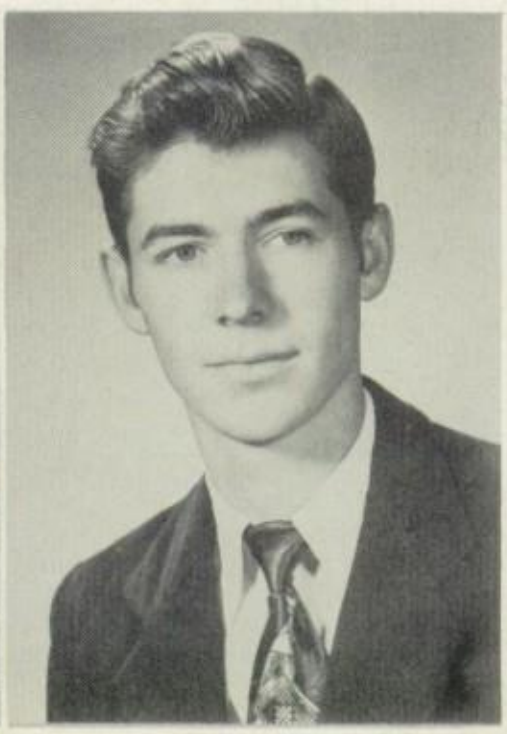
CHARLES BENNI
"Chas"

Everything comes to those who can wait . . . a smile that lights up his face . . . on the quiet side . . . a nice guy . . . friendly fun.
Cross Country, Football, Indoor Track, Spring Track.

DONALD BIRDSALL
"Don"

A man's man in many ways . . . reserved . . . tall and handsome . . . mountains of quietness . . . Oh! that car . . . a modest man never talks of himself . . . seen at Rossmeyer's . . . with Jim . . . trying for 100 m.p.h. on Rt. 25 . . . would be glad to ride a rocket to the moon.





PATRICIA A. BREEN
"Pat"

With something of angelic light . . . soft, sweet soprano . . . ladylike manners . . . an efficiency expert . . . quiet disposition . . . pert little miss.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, F.B.L.A., Dances: Sophomore, Junior, Senior; Glee Club, Hostess Club, Senior Play.

ALMORIAN C. BROWN
"Snookie"

One good action is worth a thousand words . . . friend of all.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Cabinet, Creative Writing Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, F.T.A. vice-president; Glee Club, president; G.A.A., Junior Class secretary, Latin Club secretary, Library Council vice-president, Music Appreciation Club, Supreme Court.

LOIS ANN BRUNT
"Smilie"

I heard a little bird say so . . . beautiful, beautiful brown eyes . . . chatter box . . . never a dull moment . . . perky personality . . . gay gripes.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior; The "Hub," Senior Play.

ROBERTA E. BRUNT
"Bobby"

Silence is one great art of conversation . . . friendly to all . . . with Glor . . . little miss from Oak Tree . . . quiet personality . . . companionable.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Sophomore, Junior; The "Hub," Senior Play.

CLASS OF 1953

JANICE A. BURKHART
"Jan"

There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness . . . full of life . . . gab sessions . . . called "the newborn" . . . with the gang . . . excess amount of pep.

Basketball, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Junior-Senior Prom; Hockey, Senior Play, Student Government.

SANDRA L. CARPENTER
"Muffy"

The soul of school spirit . . . hurried posters in the halls . . . striving for that "300 game" . . . a flare for art . . . a bright center in the social whirl . . . a flashing smile.

Baseball, Basketball, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Cheerleading, Creative Writing Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Latin Club, Literary Club, Student Government, Tumbling.

JANE CHISTENSEN
"Bo-bo"

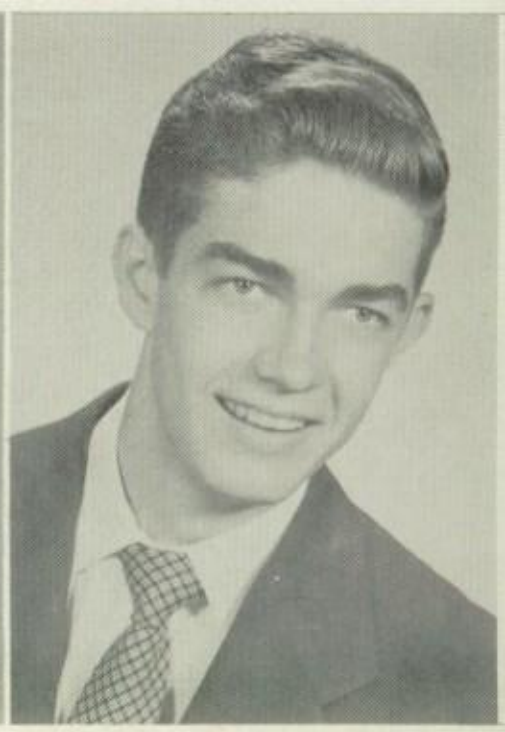
Variety's the very spice of life . . . adorably cute . . . always immaculately groomed . . . spur of the moment enthusiasms.

Blue Letters: publicity; Cheerleading, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Junor-Senior Prom, Senior; Footlighters, G.A.A., Latin Club, Senior Play, Student Government.

RICHARD C. CHISTENSEN
"Dick"

Good nature is his policy . . . smiling, winning ways . . . blowing that trumpet . . . always ready to help a friend . . . got your money for Bulldog's Bark? . . . with John.

Bulldog's Bark, Band, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior; French Club, Glee Club, Latin Club treasurer, Senior Play.



JEANETTE E. CIFRODELLI
"Jeanette"

Short and sweet with lots of spice . . . charming cheerleader . . . "Aren't we awful" . . . jest and youthful jollity . . . a multitude of friends.

Bulldog's Bark, Cheerleading, Dances: Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, Glee Club, The "Hub," I.R.C., Literature Club, Senior Play.

SALLY L. COOK
"Sally"

All the world's a stage . . . petite jeune fille . . . always with the "ambassador" . . . jet black hair and baby-blue eyes.

Dances: Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters secretary, French Club president, Library Council, Senior Play, Student Government.

ROBERT COPELAND
"Bob"

Life's final star is brotherhood . . . deep in the heart of Texas . . . don't let his quiet ways fool you . . . pompadour . . . he lives for his car alone.

Courtesy Patrol, Footlighters, Freshman Football, J.V. Baseball and Sports Manager.

ROGER A. CUTT
"Rog"

Why should the devil have all the good tunes? . . . faithful to band . . . with Don . . . life is just around the corner . . . jolly joshing . . . carefree cruising . . . spurts of seriousness.

Band, Chemistry Club, Dances: Sophomore, Junior; Footlighters, French Club, Glee Club, Student Government.

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

MARILYN A. DAVIS
"Marilyn"

Willing to work but creates fun always . . . quick winning smiles . . . brown tresses and brown eyes . . . easy to get along with . . . with Irene.

Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior: Junior-Senior Prom; Senior; Footlighters vice-president, French Club, Library Council treasurer, Senior Play, Student Government.

BETTY J. DEVORE
"Betty"

Independent as the wind . . . a neat chick . . . that happy-go-lucky air . . . lots of pals . . . band-leading brother . . . always friendly . . . humor in every remark.

Baseball, Basketball, G.A.A., Glee Club, Latin Club, Library Club.

GERALDINE R. DIVITZ
"Gerry"

Laugh and the world laughs with you . . . peaches 'n' cream complexion . . . unlimited number of jokes . . . gay giggles.

Basketball, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Hockey, The "Hub," Student Government.

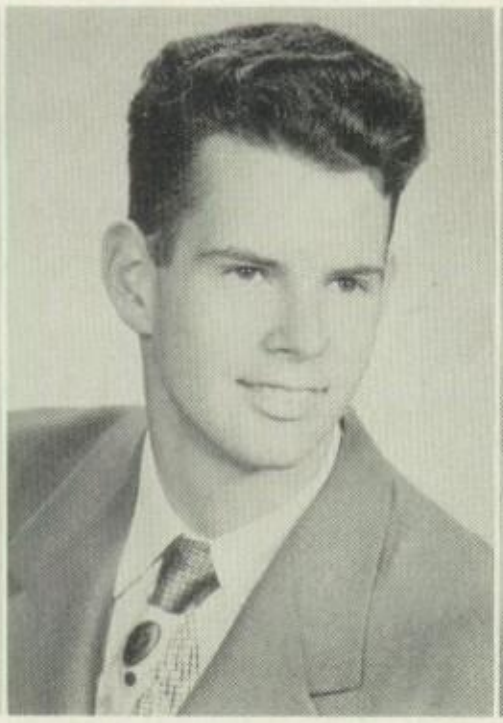
ERNEST W. DOCS
"Ernie"

He profits most who serves best . . . Success through seriousness in all he does . . . "Mr. President" . . . busy bee.

Chemistry Club, Creative Writing Club, Dances: Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; Football manager, Footlighters, French Club, Glee Club, Latin Club, Legislature, Patrol, Student Government president, vice-president; Varsity Club.

WILLIAM DUDAS
"Bill"

Why worry? I'll just live . . . but not necessarily let live . . . our county's mosquito exterminator supreme . . . big laughs and little smiles thumbing home for lunch . . . to school in the green Chevrolet . . . woodsman at heart . . . huntsman, what quarry?



GEORGE EDWARDS
"George"

Be noble in every thought and every deed . . . few know him really well . . . black curly locks . . . sit up ace.
Baseball, Basketball, Chemistry Club, Football (3), Projector Club, Track (2), Varsity Club.

MILDRED M. ERLE
"Mil"

Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well . . . artistic abilities . . . long locks . . . quiet sophistication . . . thoughtful silence . . . grace and gentleness.
Baseball, Bulldog's Bark, Footlighters, Glee Club.

PETER F. FEDAK
"Pete"

Plow deep while sluggards sleep . . . why should I talk when everyone else always is? . . . our "Pug's" Papa . . . sly smile . . . "Don't goof around."
Chemistry Club, Hall Patrol, Football, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Track, Varsity Club.

CLASS OF 1953

DOROTHY V. FIG
"Dot"

A cheerful look makes a dish a feast . . . sugar 'n' spice . . . a whiz at basketball . . . perfect posture . . . quiet charm . . . affinity for Wrigley's . . . model miss . . . likes candy in study hall.

ROBERT F. FINK
"Bob"

He that climbs a ladder must begin at the first rung . . . industrious, conscientious, a goal in life . . . "Mr. Fixit" . . . got a hot-rod Ford . . . Why argue? It won't do any good . . . out to accomplish something.
Cross Country, Patrol, Senior Play, Track.

ELWOOD D. FLANDERS
"Bucky"

The world is so full of a number of things . . . blond, brown-eyed mister . . . Dodger rooter from way back . . . wait until next year . . . the big basso voice . . . former Buffaloite.
Basketball, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Football, Footlighters, Glee Club.

HULDA GAY FLOOD
"Gay"

There is no such word as "fail" . . . the sweetest person ever . . . lady of the press.
Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark editor, Cabinet, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; French Club, G.A.A., Latin Club, Legislature, Library Club, Policy Committee, Student Government.

JERRY FLOYD
"Jerry"

Music is the universal language of mankind . . . a warm smile for all . . . talented in the arts — musical instrument, singing, drawing . . . reserved charm.

All-State Chorus (2), Art Club, Band, Dances: Junior; Glee Club, Mural Contest: painted stage sets; Track.

ROBERT A. FOSTER
"Bob"

Though he came late, he leaves his mark . . . the jester . . . the wide grin . . . a whiz in everything . . . joking around . . . a new style with the pants rolled up . . . newcomer.

Basketball, Football.

KATHRYN L. FRACE
"Kathy"

Plain truth needs no flowers of speech . . . she is of a quiet disposition . . . soft, winning ways . . . dimpled smiles . . . hails from New Market . . . glowing healthfulness . . . with Dolores.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Sophomore, Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; F.B.L.A., Senior Play.

PHYLLIS E. FRIEDMAN
"Phyl"

All enjoy that power which suits them best . . . a quiet charm to win friends and make no foes . . . slow to smile, slower still to laugh . . . gentle ways . . . with Ann . . . just good-natured . . . tranquil teaser.

Blue Letter, Senior Play.

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

HOWARD L. GOODENOUGH
"Howdy"

Where there is a will, there is a way . . . whiz at history . . . one of the nicest . . . Ernie's right-hand man.

Basketball manager, Cabinet treasurer, Dances: Sophomore, Junior Senior; Football manager, Footlighters, German Club vice-president, Student Faculty Commission.

THOMAS J. GOY
"Satch"

Dig beyond the exterior to the heart . . . turned-up collar . . . "I'll knock your block off" . . . "You're right, Satch" . . . love that "lemonzine.'"

Courtesy Patrol, Varsity Club, Football (3).

ELIZABETH A. GRAY
"Ann"

Hitch your wagon to a star . . . artistic ability . . . affinity for writing . . . petite handwriting . . . always with Phyl . . . singing talent . . . sweet disposition.

Art Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior - Senior Prom; Footlighters, Glee Club.

WILLIAM GROBEN
"Little Will"

Let nothing disturb thee . . . slow and easy . . . always good-natured . . . never in a hurry . . . sharp dresser . . . that deluxe town and country convertible . . . genuine smile.

Student Government, Varsity Club, Courtesy Patrol, Football (4), Spring Track.

CONNIE HAHL
"Connie"

The crowded hour . . . each waking moment packed with living fully . . . cooperative . . . the green Ford . . . beware my temper . . . have a good time . . . with Barbara . . . diverse recreations . . . a constructive approach to life.

Dances: Junior, Senior; Hostess Club, The "Hub," Softball.

BARBARA HALL
"Barbara"

Each mind has its own method . . . energetic blonde . . . her own style . . . walking up Woodbridge Avenue . . . beauty is power; a smile is its sword.

HARRY L. HALL
"Harry"

Bring on the girls . . . delightful flirting . . . football man . . . tall stories . . . cruising in the car with the fellows . . . casual Casanova.

Baseball, Co-ordinating Committee, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior; Football (4), Latin Club, Senior Play.

HANS W. HANSEN
"Hans"

A pleasant smile, a quiet way . . . the sportsman . . . hunting and fishing . . . on the track team . . . such a nice smile . . . friendly Joe . . . unusually well-liked.

Courtesy Patrol, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Spring Track, Varsity Club.

CLASS OF 1953

KATHERINE HARTWELL
"Boots"

One cool judgment is worth a thousand counsels . . . with Ida . . . a quiet disposition . . . willing to help . . . a Miss Crowell's student driver . . . Friday night dances.

Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, I.R.C., Senior Play.

MARION L. HELLER
"Marion"

Faith is the force of life . . . always with Alma . . . talking about Pinebrook . . . little lady cheerleader . . . one of Ernie's secretaries . . . all for King's College . . . a demure smile.

Basketball, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, F.B.L.A., F.T.A., Cheerleading, Footlighters, Legislature.

CAROL HICKEY
"Carol"

A good laugh is sunshine in a house . . . as the day is long, she is merry . . . devil-may-care look . . . roller skater supreme . . . lover of tomato pies.

Blue Letter, Dances: Junior-Senior Prom, Footlighters, French Club, Library Council, Senior Play.

WALTER C. HOLLIDAY
"Walt"

Never hurry, never worr . . . a smile to win friend . . . "the windows, Harry" . . . fooling around . . . en joying just living a happ life.

Chemistry Club, Dances Sophomore, Junior, Senior Junior-Senior Prom; Germa Club, Glee Club, Latin Club

JOAN D. HOYER
"Joan"

She is as good as she is fair . . . tall and talented . . . always on the go . . . summers at the shore . . . devilish grins.

Band, Baseball, Basketball, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Cabinet, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; F.T.A., Footlighters, German Club secretary, Glee Club treasurer, Latin Club, Science Club, Senior Play, Volleyball.

JOHN INGLIS
"John"

There is a soul of goodness . . . and away we go . . . work or play, always enjoying it . . . early Sunday mornings at Seldows . . . polishing the blue Packard.

Band, Dances: Junior, Senior; French Club, Latin Club, Senior Play.

MARY A. JAMES
"Bird"

Laughter makes the world go round . . . Sweet Shop always . . . flitting and flirting . . . stormy moods . . . fast-talking sessions . . . mad dash at noon.

Basketball, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior - Senior Prom; Footlighters, G.A.A., Latin Club, Senior Play.

ANN L. JOHNSON
"Ann"

For the good are always merry . . . although she's quiet, you know she's present . . . a natural on the basketball court . . . hails originally from North Carolina . . . a newcomer . . . a real likable person . . . those subtle smiles.

Basketball, Home Economics Club, Volleyball.

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

CHARLES R. JONES
"Jonesy"

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers . . . serious . . . loud socks and matching shoe-strings . . . contortionist while pondering . . . an intellect . . . words over five syllables.

Bulldog's Bark, Chess Club, Patrol.

RONALD KACZMAREK
"Ronnie"

Well begun is half done . . . a man with a one "track" mind . . . "Morning, Miss de Vries" . . . with John . . . parlez-vous francais . . . a likable guy . . . hails from New Market.

Dances: Junior, Senior; French Club, Glee Club, Hall Patrol, Safety Patrol, Student Government, Track.

DOLORES M. KAISER
"Dolores"

Good taste is the flower of good sense . . . a gay senorita . . . dark-skinned beauty . . . short, curly locks . . . flashing eyes . . . a grin all her own . . . Stephenville's own.

Courtesy Patrol, Dances: Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Senior Play.

JUNE KAISER
"June"

Good humor is goodness and wisdom combined . . . that little black book . . . at Bond Cleaners . . . rosy smile . . . modest mademoiselle . . . likable lass.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Sophomore, Junior, Senior; The "Hub," Senior Play.

LAWRENCE M. KAPLOWITZ
"Larry"

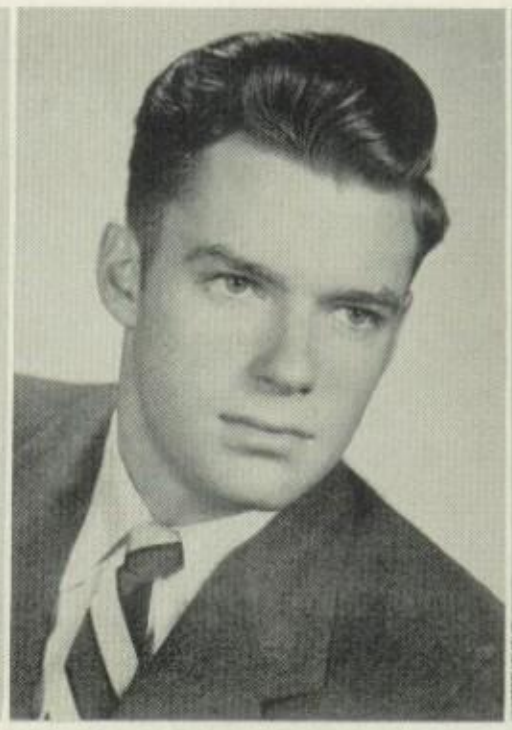
The joy of elevated thoughts . . . seen everywhere . . . only time will tell . . . "Larry Lights" . . . a miser in Time(s).

Chemistry Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; German Club, Glee Club, Latin Club, Math Club, Stamp Club, Student Court, Visual Aids Club.

IDA M. KEARNEY
"Ida"

A good heart is better than all the gold in the world . . . flashing smiles . . . a silent manner . . . a Dodger fan . . . soft-spoken words . . . soothing smoothness.

Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, I.R.C., Senior Play.



ARTHUR L. KEMPF
"Art"

I am the master of my fate . . . "Mr. Editor" . . . never ill at ease . . . many moods . . . sure to succeed.

Basketball, Basketball manager, Blue Letter, editor; Cross Country, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Senior; Football, Glee Club, Latin Club, Legislature, Literary Club, Senior Play, Supreme Court, Varsity Club president; Visual Aids Club.

SAMUEL R. KIRKPATRICK
"Roger"

Good humor makes all things tolerable . . . he will give the devil his due . . . mischief in every smile . . . oh, those pretty blue eyes . . . Mr. Elliott's problem.

Dramatics Club, Stamp Club, Student Government, Track: Spring, Indoor, Cross Country.

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IRENE KJERSGAARD
"Ike"

A perfect woman, nobly planned . . . long, shiny blond hair . . . a friend to all . . . "But, Miss de Vries" . . . love for a collegiate band.

Blue Letter, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters president, French Club, Latin Club, Library Club president, Senior Play.

CATHERINE E. KOENIG
"Cathy"

There is a lady conquering with glances . . . sweet, quiet ways . . . soft, sunny smiles . . . whiz in those commercial subjects . . . a capable miss . . . Mr. Mickett's secretary.

Blue Letter, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, F.B.L.A., The "Hub," Pep Club, Senior Play, Student Government.

AUDREY J. KOLBUS
"Aud"

They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts . . . long brown tresses . . . blushes easily . . . a twinkle in her eyes . . . "Oh, Eunice!"

Band, Baseball, Basketball, Blue Letter, Courtesy Patrol, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, French Club, Glee Club, G.A.A., Hockey, I.R.C., Student Government, Tumbling, Volleyball.

ELSIE M. KRAUT
"Elsie"

It matters not how long we live, but how . . . typing away . . . happy smile . . . life is a long lesson in humility.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Freshman, Senior; Footlighters, F.B.L.A., German Club, The "Hub," Senior Play.

WINTON B. KURZ
"Barry"

I myself am good fortune . . . ambling through life with a joke . . . certainly not slow in his car . . . found with Chaz and Bill . . . strictly against homework.

Chemistry Club, Cross Country manager, Hall Patrol, Indoor Track, Spring Track.

RICHARD J. LaTOURETTE
"Dick"

He who knows himself is wise . . . fly that plane . . . tall blond . . . "Hi, Miss de Vries" . . . wizard at motors . . easy going . . . that convertible . . . into the wild blue yonder.

Aeronautics Club president, Dances: Freshman, Junior; Latin Club, Library Club.

LEONARD R. LEGG
"Lennie"

For they can conquer who believe they can . . . an intellect with easy ways and a charming manner . . . guy with a ready smile . . . "Leapin Lenny" . . . baseball.

Baseball, Cross Country: J.V. and Varsity; Latin Club, Legislature, Patrol, Senior Play, Supreme Court.

JOAN M. LEITNER
"Joan"

Her very frowns are fairer far than smiles of other maidens are . . . once in a lifetime . . . blonde halo . . . silence is golden.

Hostess Club, The "Hub," Junior Dance, Tumbling.

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

RAYMOND J. LEITNER
"Ray"

The great hope of society is individual character . . . silence is more eloquent than words . . . shy guy . . . whiz at math . . . a friendly greeting.

Band, Courtesy Patrol, Dances: Freshman; Cross Country, Track.

LORRAINE LOSCHE
"Lorraine"

Life is adventure in experience . . . concoction of cuteness, capability, and charm . . . gala giggles . . . minute miss . . . curly locks . . . sarcastic speeches . . . mischief maker . . . with the gang.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Glee Club, Cheerleading, Dances: Junior, Senior; Patrol.

WALTER LUCKSINGER
"Walt"

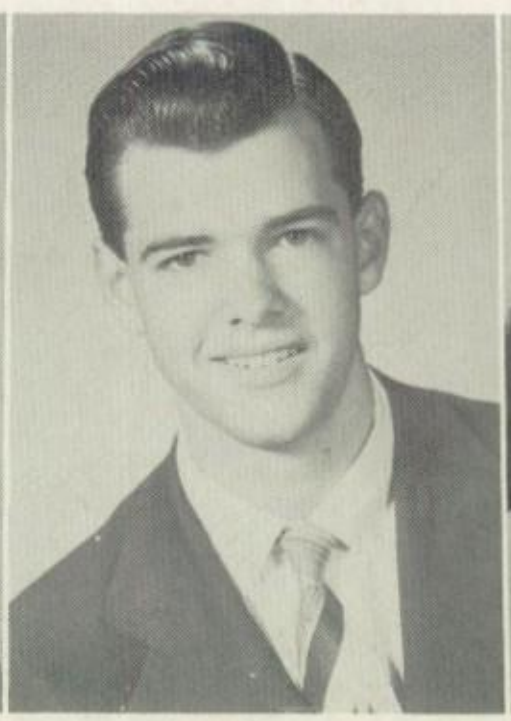
An honest man's the noblest work of God . . . Tall, dark and handsome . . . a man of the world . . . an interesting person . . . trackman.

Dances: Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; Indoor Track, Senior Play, Spring Track, Stamp Club, Varsity Club.

FLORENCE M. MANZIANO
"Flo"

Long walk to school . . . long brown tresses . . . Wednesday night is reserved for roller skating . . . that queenly bearing.

Band, Band Formal, Blue Letter, Footlighters, French Club, Glee Club, Latin Club, Senior Play.



DONALD MATTHEWS
"Don"

His armor is his honest thought . . . does not speak unless spoken to . . . a lover of jokes . . . a sincere smile . . . a plugger . . . the quiet type.

Football (3), Track (1), Varsity Club.

EDITH M. MAXWELL
"Edee"

For the good are always merry . . . the sun in her hair . . . laughing eyes that reflect the sea . . . "Hey, Martha, wait for me" . . . forever gay.

Baseball, Basketball, Dances: Junior, Senior; Footlighters, F.B.L.A., Senior Play.

ROBERTA McCURDY
"Bobby"

Often seen riding with Sylvia in the jeep . . . a pleasant conversationalist . . . first period physicist . . . destined for happiness . . . blondie.

Band, Dances: Sophomore, Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; French Club, Glee Club, Homeroom officer, Latin Club.

MICHAEL McFAUL
"Mike"

A little mischief, full of fun . . . tall and lean . . . devilish grins . . . sportsman . . . oh, those eyes! . . . one moment of quiet . . . big feet . . . seen "on the hill" . . . Metuchen's answer to Joe Di Maggio.

Baseball, Basketball, Football, Varsity Club.

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ROBERTA M. McGUINNESS
"Bobbie"

It is good to be merry and wise . . . Miss High-Stepper of the year . . . leader of the band . . . quick, likable smiles . . . perfect aim on the baseball diamond . . . mature.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Junior, Senior; Drum Majorette, F.B.L.A., G.A.A., Senior Play, Baseball, Basketball, Tumbling, Volleyball.

AUDREY W. McMAHON
"Mac"

Why can't you behave . . . neatly dressed . . . never alone . . . devilish remarks . . . sports rooter . . . a word for everyone . . . capable.

Basketball, Blue Letter, associate editor, Bulldog's Bark associate editor; Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Junior-Senior Prom, Senior; G.A.A. vice-president, Latin Club president, Library Club, Pep Club, Senior Play, Softball, Square Dancing, Student Government.

LILLIAN R. MEHES
"Lill"

Friendship always benefits . . . nice to talk to . . . newcomer at Metuchen High . . . a former Amboyite . . . artistic abilities.

F.B.L.A.

ANN C. MESHANIC
"Mike"

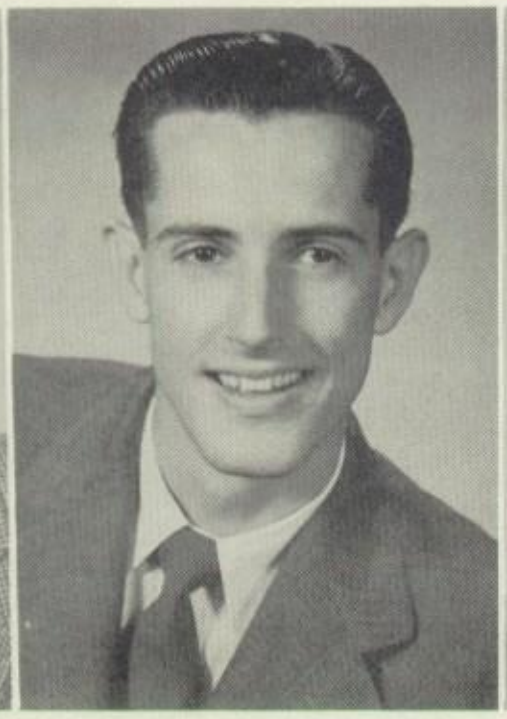
Excellent things are rare . . . a pleasant smile, a winning way . . . eyes that sparkle . . . Giants forever . . . a friend to all.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Junior, Senior; French Club, F.T.A., Senior Play, Softball, Topsy Turvy Day.

FRAZER K. METZGER
"Fritz"

Silence is more eloquent than words . . . silent ways but dry wit to convulse all . . . knows his literature . . . potential novelist . . . private writing team with Bruce and Tommy.

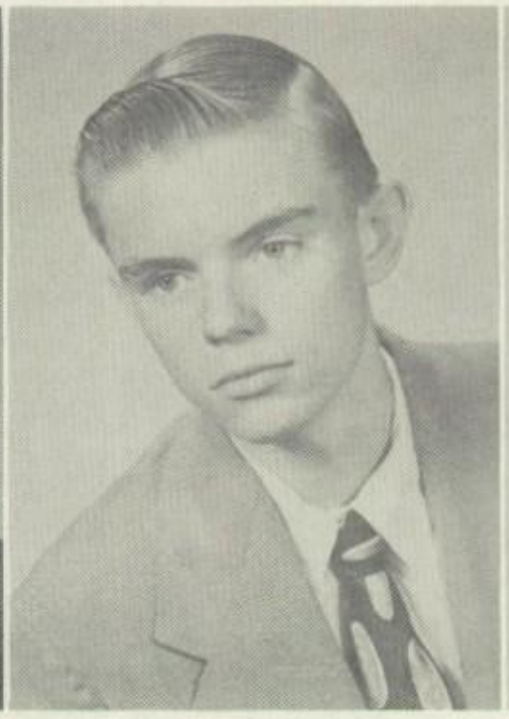
Baseball, Basketball manager, Creative Writing Club, Dances: Junior, Senior; Patrol.



ROBERT S. MICHALES
"The Hound"

Blessed is he who has found his work . . . life is a jest and all things show it . . . zest for greyhounds . . . always leave them laughing . . . a Gleason man . . . happy-go-lucky.

Carving Club, Courtesy Patrol, Senior Play.



CLIFFORD C. MORTENSEN
"Cliff"

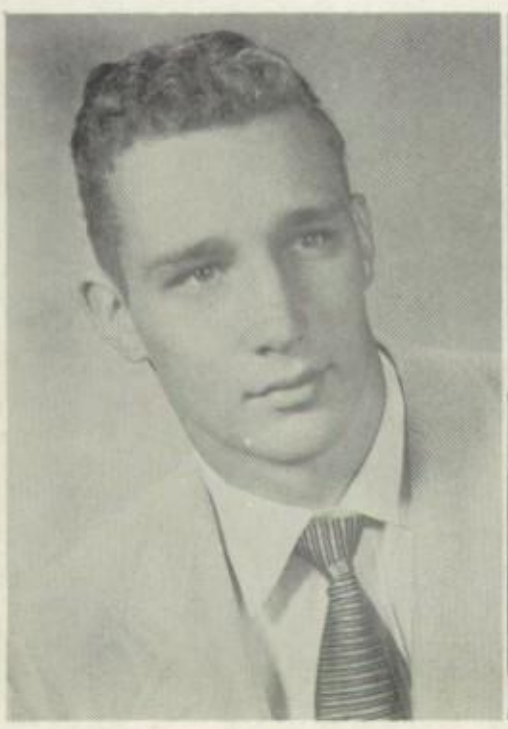
The cautious seldom err . . . few know his subtle humor . . . quiet in a crowd . . . jesting math wizard . . . sports statistician . . . memorable origination—"guess the word" . . . worth makes the man . . . basketball at the C.Y.O.

ELEANOR M. MUHO
"El"

Youth comes but once in a lifetime . . . a merry heart all the day . . . bubbling over with pep . . . mischief in her merit . . . cute as can be . . . smirks and smiles.

Bulldog's Bark, Dances: Junior, Junior-Senior Prom, Senior; F.B.L.A., Senior Play, Student Government, Tumbling.

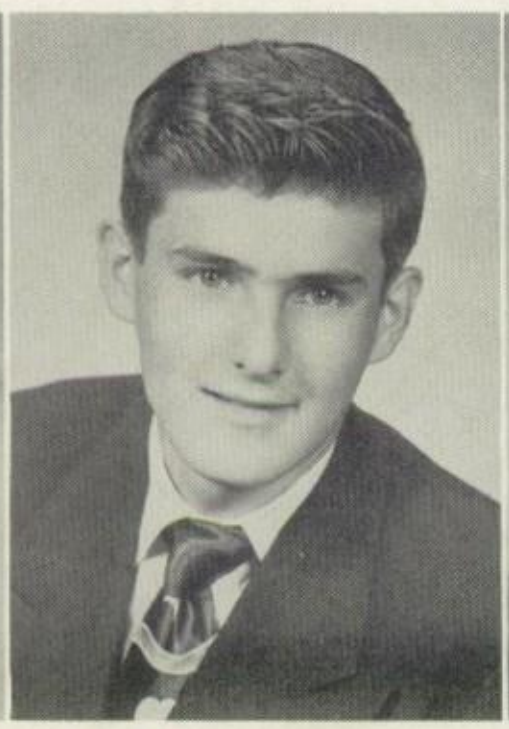
METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL



JOSEPH S. NASTAOVICH
"Big Ugly"

Take it easy . . . seen with that vivacious blond . . . everyone's buddy . . . sportsman . . . out with the fellows . . . those toni curls . . . geometry whiz.

Baseball, Basketball, Courtesy Patrols, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, Track, Varsity Club.



ALLEN W. NEEDHAM
"Al"

A carefree life will suit me well . . . tall and lanky . . . ambling along . . . ardent Yankee fan . . . the old Ford . . . very likable in his joking and jesting.

Dances: Sophomore, Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; Football, I.R.C., Patrol.

JOHN NESTOR
"Johnny"

Art for art's sake . . . "Mr. Rembrandt" . . . tortoise-shell specs . . . "Hey, Kacz!" . . . what a physique!

Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; Football, Freshman and J.V. manager; Glee Club, Safety Patrol, Senior Play, Track, indoor and outdoor.

PATRICIA A. OLIVER
"Pat"

Good things come to those who wait . . . sincere manner . . . cheerful smiles . . . a ready and understanding friend . . . Pat and Pat . . . working at Danford's . . . a patrician girl . . . dependable . . . the greatest prayer is patience.

Hostess Club, The "Hub."

SHIRLEY J. PERRY
"Shirl"

There is a woman at the beginning of all great things . . . a pleasant smile; a quiet way . . . tall and dark . . . New Marketeer.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Canasta Club, Dances: Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Hostess Club, Latin Club, Senior Play.

DONALD E. PETERSEN
"Don"

A light heart lives long . . . full of laughs . . . a friendly smile . . . pleasant and easy-going . . . a "green-jacket" . . . may be found at Columbia Hall.

Basketball manager, Cross Country, Track.

THURZA A. PREWETT
"Teri"

Those radiant smiles and dimples . . . in the Lincoln . . . serious sometimes, humorous sometimes, likable always . . . Colorado, here I come.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Creative Writing Club, Dances: Junior, Senior; French Club, F.T.A., Glee Club, Senior Play.

SHIRLEY L. REMLEY
"Shirl"

Her heart is young and gay . . . travels from New Market . . . in ballerinas . . . manages bookkeeping during quiet courtesy patrol . . . one of the bunch from Silver's . . . relaxing.

Baseball, Bulldog's Bark, Courtesy Patrol, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; German Club, Hockey.

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JOHN L. REYNOLDS
"Jack"

Run, run, run . . . faithful track man . . . slight blushes . . . enviable marks . . . a person to look up to . . . gentle quietness . . . a serious worker . . . knowledge is power.

Cross Country, Track.

MARIE A. RIEBE
"Marie"

Her voice was ever soft, gentle, and low, an excellent thing in woman . . . "Yes, Ernie" . . . hold the Arsenal bus . . . neat always . . . certain charm.

Baseball, Basketball, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Cabinet recording secretary; Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Junior-Senior Prom, Senior; French Club, G.A.A., Glee Club, Junior Class vice-president, Latin Club, Library Council, Volleyball.

MARTHA J. ROACH
"Martha"

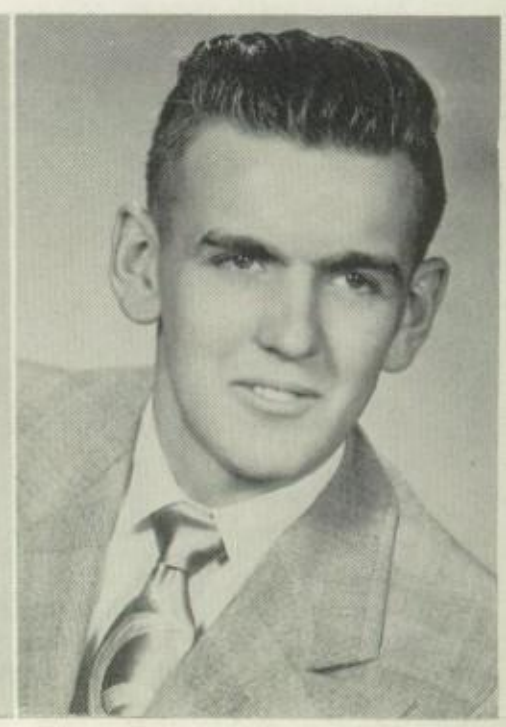
Quality, not quantity, is my measure . . . serious tranquility . . . dramatic interests . . . a sincere student . . . artistry with theatrical make-up . . . smart fashions . . . parlez-vous francais? . . . happiness ahead.

Footlighters, F.B.L.A.

JAMES ROLFE
"Jim"

Be sure you are right, then go ahead . . . there is joy in everything . . . teacher's torment . . . chewing gum . . . the truck . . . enjoying himself . . . in the gas station on Vineyard Road.

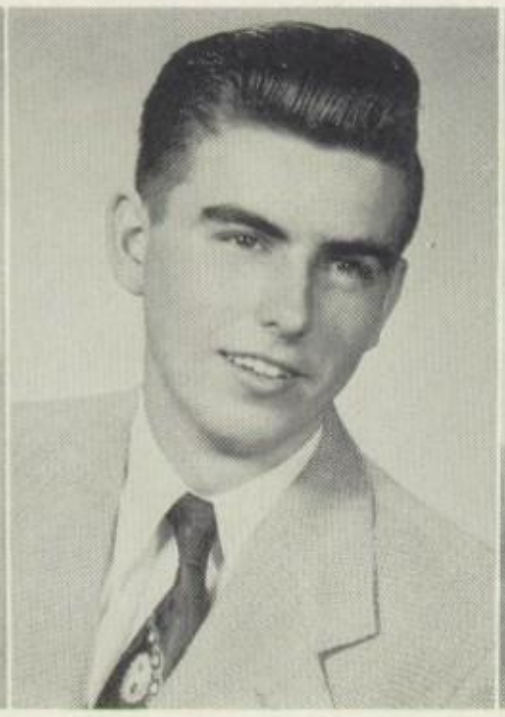
Football, Senior Play, Track.



THOMAS J. ROMEO
"Romeo"

He loved "chevalrie, trouthe and honour" . . . always agreeable . . . everybody's friend . . . always on the happy side . . . a Brooklynite to the core . . . "Ei-yi-yi Dolores."

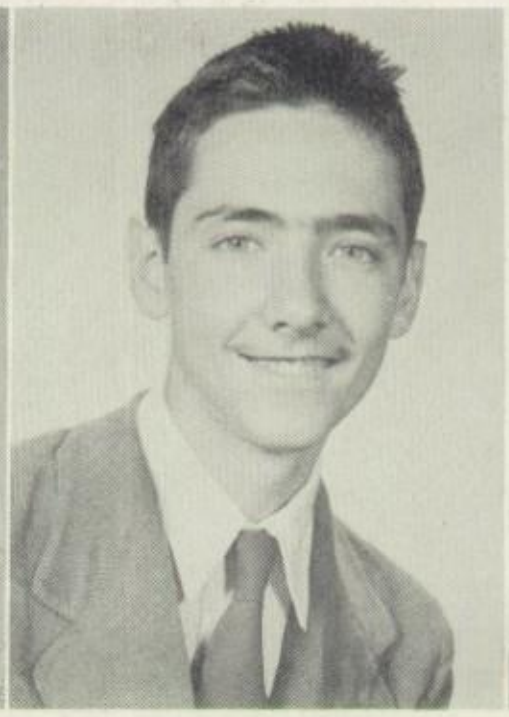
Blue Letter, Student Government secretary of recreation, Varsity Club, Freshman Class treasurer, Dances: Freshman; Football (4), Basketball (3), Track.



DONALD W. RUMPLE
"Don"

Honor lies in honest toil . . . bandman . . . playing that sax . . . strolling along . . . a quiet man.

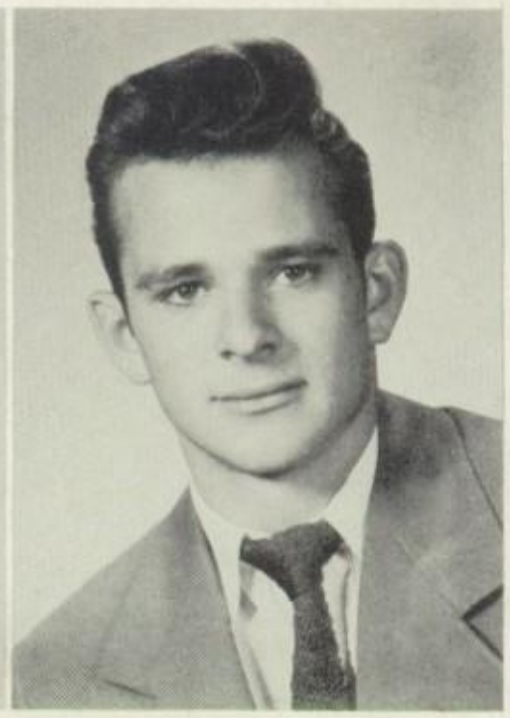
Dance Band, Marching Band.



RALPH N. SANGIOVANNI
"Ralph"

He that is overcautious will accomplish little . . . one of New Market's sons . . . lover of ravioli . . . man that train . . . Mutt and Jeff . . . with the "Hound."

Senior Play.



WILLIAM G. SCHEDNECK
"Bill"

God bless the man who first invented sleep . . . Oh, for the carefree life . . . the well-dressed man . . . blame it on Dick . . . the athlete . . . Sonny.

Baseball, Football, Varsity Club.

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

MARJORIE V. SCHENCK
"Marnie"

The more we do, the more we can do . . . Sedateness and fun together . . . scoreboard and pencil . . . "but ma—dame" . . . statuesque . . . that raised eyebrow.

Basketball, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Creative Writing Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, Latin Club, Legislature, Senior Play, Softball.

JOAN K. SCHWARTZOPF
"Joan"

Beauty is power; a smile is its sword . . . sophistication is a way of life . . . clothes galore . . . acrobatic ability.

Basketball, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark business and advertising manager, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, French Club, Latin Club, Pep Club, Senior Play, Softball, Supreme Court, Tumbling, Volleyball.

DEAN A. SCRUGGS
"Deanie"

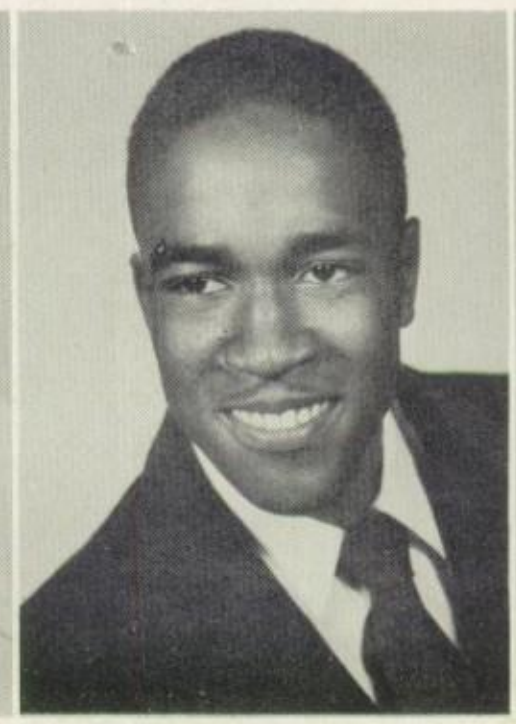
Do noble deeds, not dream them all day long . . . I'll mind my own business . . . Wilson-man . . . nobody bothers my patrols . . . a gentleman . . . friends galore . . . could be a "ladies' man" . . . stage manager.

Cross Country, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; Footlighters, Freshman Basketball, J.V. Baseball, Legislature, Patrol, Senior, Play, Track.

BARBARA A. SEIFERT
"Barb"

To see her is to love her . . . her ways are full of pleasantness . . . curly hair . . . never flustered . . . soft voice and graceful manner.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Canasta Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; German Club, Student Government.



JOHN M. SEMONISH
"Sonny"

Live and let live . . . shyness lends enchantment . . . love that Ford . . . New Marketeer through and through . . . with Elwood.

BEVERLY J. SHAVER
"Bev"

Happiness is a good nature that sells us . . . youth comes but once in a lifetime . . . witty remarks . . . mischievous ideas . . . always laughing.

Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior; The "Hub," Senior Play.

SHIRLEY A. SHAVER
"Shirl"

I'll live a life for all to envy . . . radiant red hair . . . giggles galore . . . sparkly smile . . . bluest of eyes . . . effervescent pleasantness.

Freshman Dance.

HELEN M. SHUSTER
"Helen"

The world is so full of a number of things . . . The devil in her eyes . . . bright blushes . . . radiant smiles.

Band, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, F.B.L.A., The "Hub," Softball.

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HARRY T. SMITH
"Horatio"

I myself am good fortune . . . let's have some fun . . . has so many clothes, he wears three shirts at once . . . friendly with all . . . serious moods . . . funny quips.

Courtesy Patrol, Footlighters, Senior Play, Glee Club, French Club, Chemistry Club, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior; Track.

JOHN J. SMITH, JR.
"Smitty"

I like everyone . . . one of Metuchen's greatest supporters . . . good disposition, displayed to all, not one . . . generous with money . . . healthy, free, the world before me.

Dances: Junior, Senior; Track manager.

LUCILLE M. SORGENTO
"Lu"

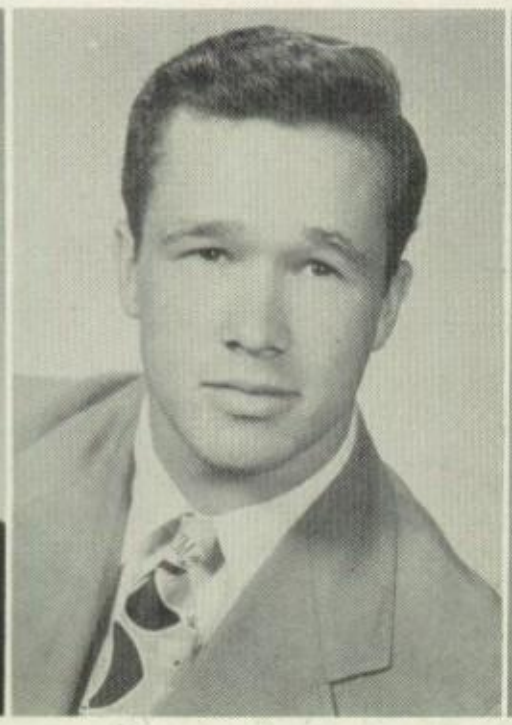
The smiles that win . . . lilting laugh . . . shining halo of hair . . . sparkling blue eyes . . . neat as a pin . . . frolicing fun.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Cheerleading, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Junior-Senior Prom, Senior; F.T.A., G.A.A., The "Hub," Senior Play.

PHYLLIS A. SORGENTO
"Phyl"

Discretion in speech is more than eloquence . . . patience rules her ways . . . sincere friend . . . diligent worker . . . wide interests.

Baseball, Basketball, Creative Writing Club, French Club, F.T.A., German Club, Glee Club, Latin Club, Tumbling Volleyball.



FLORENCE L. STOLL
"Lillian"

Life is real, life is earnest . . . a cheerful smile . . . always in a hurry . . . amiable ways . . . "bother me not."

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Canasta Club, Dances: Junior-Senior Prom, Senior; F.B.L.A., German Club, Hostess Club, The "Hub," Music Appreciation Club, Senior Play.

GERTRUDE SWANSON
"Gertrude"

She is well paid that is satisfied . . . ready to please . . . friendliness . . . twinkling eyes . . . gracious smiles and manners.

Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Canasta Club, Dances: Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; F.B.L.A., Hostess Club, The "Hub," Music Appreciation Club, Senior Play.

RUTH A. TETSCHNER
"Tetsch"

Studies serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability . . . happy, carefree, always gay . . . fair complexion . . . beautiful hands . . . windblown look . . . wizard at German . . . sketching during class.

Blue Letter, Canasta Club, Dances: Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; German Club, Hostess Club, Latin Club.

SLLVIA J. TREMBLY
"Syl"

Blow, Gabriel, blow . . . roaring around in the jeep . . . devilish grins . . . always out for sports . . . traveler in South America . . . fun forever.

Band, Baseball, Basketball, Cabinet, Dance Band, Dances: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Junior-Senior Prom; French Club, G.A.A., Hockey, Latin Club, Legislature, Square-dancing, Volleyball.

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

ELWOOD VAN SISE
"Elwood"

Honor is purchased by the deeds we do . . . friendly . . . talented in carving . . . philosophic . . . quaint mania for old-style automobiles . . . dependable . . . reserved.

Baseball (4), Carving Club, Cross Country, Patrol.

EUNICE E. WAGLE
"Eunice"

A face with gladness overspread . . . wants to be a friend to all . . . that famous "hello" . . . twirling that flag . . . full of vim and vigor . . . winsome ways . . . peppy personality . . . flirting femme.

Band, Blue Letter, Bulldog's Bark, Footlighters, Glee Club, The "Hub," Senior Play, Student Government, Twirlers.

BRUCE E. WALLIS
"Bruce"

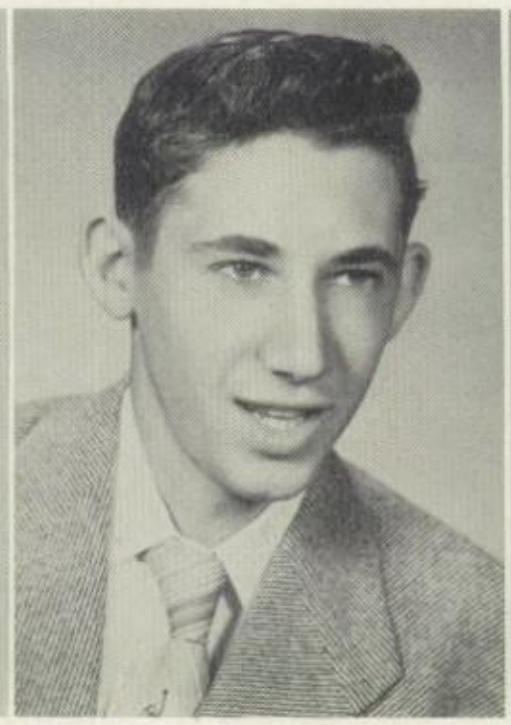
Fortune and Love befriend the bold . . . a wisecrack a day through life's merry way . . . one of the Jefferson Park fellas . . . "My car needs a new . . ." . . . found in the seat farthest back in the room.

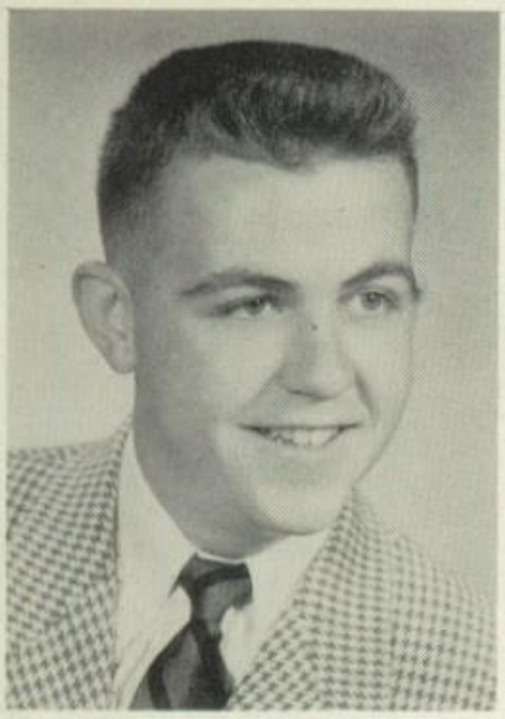
Creative Writing Club, Cross Country, Track.

JAMES G. WILKINSON
"Jimmy"

And my name is Truthful James . . . off into the wild blue yonder . . . "Mr. Librarian" . . . that Plymouth . . . Space Cadet . . . "Just ask me, I know."

Carving Club, Hall Patrol, Library Council, Track.





CHARLES S. WIWORSKI
"Charlie"

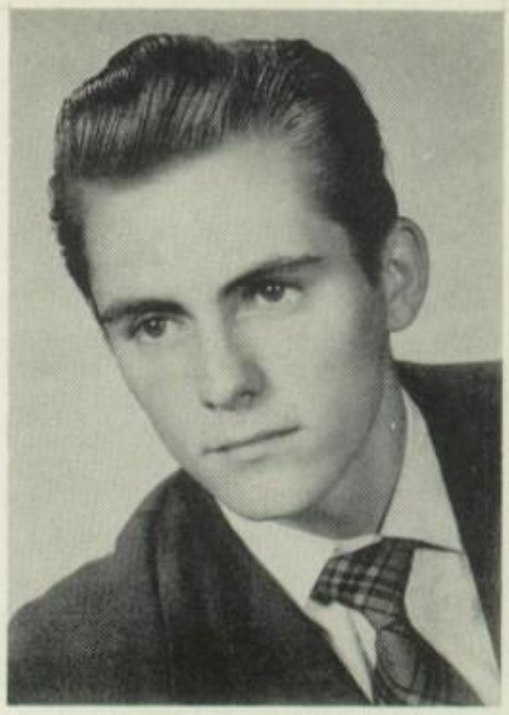
Good humor makes all things tolerable . . . all the world loves a clown . . . never silent . . . Mother Fletcher's pizza . . . loud shirts . . . Jackie Gleason the second.

Bowling, Football, Footlighters, German Club, Library Council, Senior Play, Student Government, Track.

GLORIA A. WOODCOCK
"Glo"

A graceful walk and felicitous phrases . . . there is a time and a place for all things . . . quiet smiles . . . deep in the heart of Texas . . . with Bobby.

Baseball, Dances: Junior, Junior-Senior Prom; The "Hub," Senior Play.



HAROLD E. YEATTS
"Harold"

Wisdom is not finally tested by the schools . . . never a worry . . . Red Skelton, beware! . . . with the pompadour . . . those big brown eyes . . . can make anyone laugh . . . harum-scarum escapades . . . living a life of laughter.

SENIOR PLAY

Hilarious antics made for a highly entertaining performance in December, when Charles Wiworski, Jane Christensen and Art Kempf hit Van Kirk auditorium to star in Martens' "Don't Take My Penny." Kerry (Art) masqueraded as a Hollywood author to dissuade Penny (Jane) from going to Hollywood. Charlie brought down the house when he slinked in as a female model. Further love interest was lent by Sally Cook and Walter Holliday.

SENIOR POLL

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
H. Goodenough
G. Flood

MOST POPULAR
A. Kempf
J. Christensen

DID MOST FOR CLASS
E. Docs
A. Brown

NICEST SMILE
W. Lucksinger
L. Sorgento

BEST LOOKING
W. Lucksinger
J. Christensen

BEST DRESSER
T. King
I. Kjersgaard

BEST DANCERS
A. Kempf
J. Schwartzkopf

CLASS COUPLE
J. Nastanovich
J. Christensen

MOST ATHLETIC
W. Schedneck
B. Ayers

CLASS JESTER
C. Wiworski
G. Divitz

TEACHER'S PET
W. Schedneck
B. Ayers

TEACHER'S TORMENT
H. Yeatts
G. Divitz

Senior History

The North Pole provided the theme for our Sophomore Dance, but the icy atmosphere in no way interfered with the mood of the evening.

Before we realized it, we had assumed the role of juniors. Tom King and Leon Carpenter repeated as president and treasurer, while two new-comers to office, Marie Riebe and Almorian Brown filled the posts of vice-president and secretary.

Following our struggle with mid-year examinations came our annual dance. This year we chose to trek to the Orient with the theme of "Chinatown." Decorations complied—down to the last lantern.

But the supreme effort was yet to come—the Senior Prom that we, the juniors, were to present to the seniors. We chose "Rhapsody in Blue" as the central idea. Murals, streamers, lights, spun glass and a fountain, all contributed to the desired effect on that May evening. Soon we had lost not only another year in M. H. S., but a great friend and advisor, Mr. Peter Wilson, who had transferred to Bloomfield.

The vacation, even though extended because of the prevalence of polio in town, passed all to quickly. We returned as seniors—the leaders. Every action took on a new significance. Again Tom King and Leon Carpenter were elected president and treasurer. Elizabeth Demarest and Alma Kamlah shared in the duties of leadership as vice-president and secretary.

Next came the senior play, "Don't Take My Penny," and we knew that this was the beginning of the end. Football, basketball, baseball and track were viewed with a twinge of sadness. Never again would we participate in or observe these events as students of Metuchen High.

Plans for the future become more definite, more urgent. We did our utmost to make the imprint of the Class of '53 in the history of the school a creditable one.

We made the Senior Dance the best ever and, in May we received from the juniors a memorable, beautiful prom.

And then, to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance, we prepared together, for the last time, to march down the aisles of Van Kirk Auditorium for that long awaited moment—graduation. We were ready to go on, to put to use the priceless tangibles and intangibles which we were able to glean from our faculty, to carry on the tradition of honor instilled in us during our years at Metuchen High School. We knew that we had profited by our experiences there; we hoped that M. H. S. had benefitted from our endeavors.

The door opened. The Class of 1953 stood poised to take a step into the world, pausing briefly to reflect on all the experiences that had accompanied its members along the journey through the halls "Where Honor Leads the Way."

Just four years before we were the proud graduates of the eighth grade, and we rejoiced at our new status as a part of the Senior High.

When the anxiously awaited day in September finally arrived, we stepped happily but a little hesitantly into the uperclassmen's domain. Shortly, with a forward look, we conducted a class meeting. Bill Danitz, Barbara Seifert, and Tom Romeo were chosen to take over the duties of vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively. Our Freshman year was underway. We began to delve into the subjects that heretofore had only been brushed. As Latin declensions and the complexities of general science established themselves in our daily routine, our interests turned to extracurricular activities.

Then, in March, we were faced with our first major class project, the Freshman Dance. Eager committees were organized to prepare for the evening of the twenty-fifth, when a large crowd climbed aboard a butterfly for a "Dreamer's Holiday."

Not long afterward, we met the challenge of the exams and, finally, were proclaimed sophomores. We had made our first contribution to the history and honor of Metuchen High School.

Once again we entered the building with a new confidence and a greater sense of familiarity. By class election, we chose the following officers: Tom King, president; Bill Groben, vice-president; Irene Kjersgaard, secretary, and Leon Carpenter, treasurer. We participated in all activities with enthusiasm, while French, German, biology, typing and debates between Mr. Wilson's and Mr. Mickett's World History classes added spice to the day's schedule.

HOMEROOM 18
Peter Espenschied—President
Richard Thompson—Vice-president
George Kedrowsky—Scretary
Bert Topping—Treasurer

Junior Class

The Class of 1954 aided greatly in making this year an enjoyable one for the Class of 1953. This class contributed an amazing number of people who were active on the extra-curricular scene in sports, clubs and government.

Although there was not a Junior Dance this year, they went all out to make the Junior-Senior Prom in May a glorious and gala social highlight.

President Lee Clowes, Vice-President Jim Dickinson, Secretary Carol Lankey, and Treasurer Bob Edelman all turned in fine leadership performances during the year and will be remembered for it.

HOMEROOM 19
Gloria Ahearn—President
Sue Cameron—Vice-president
Marilyn Baumlin—Secretary-Treasurer

HOMEROOM 24
Janet Hoops—President
Pete Hansen—Vice-president
Julia Karlewski—Secretary
Judy Kingman—Treasurer

HOMEROOM 28
James Moran—President
Gerri Nelson—Vice-president
Peggy Pearse—Secretary
Lois Nelson—Treasurer

HOMEROOM 25
Beverly Traver—President
Pat Weissenburger—Vice-presiden
Carol Steidler—Secretary
Barbara Sorgento—Treasurer

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS
President—Bill Frye
Vice-president—Bob Nastanovich
Secretary—Carmella Eosso
Treasurer—Winnie Hallette

Sophomore Class

Freshman Class

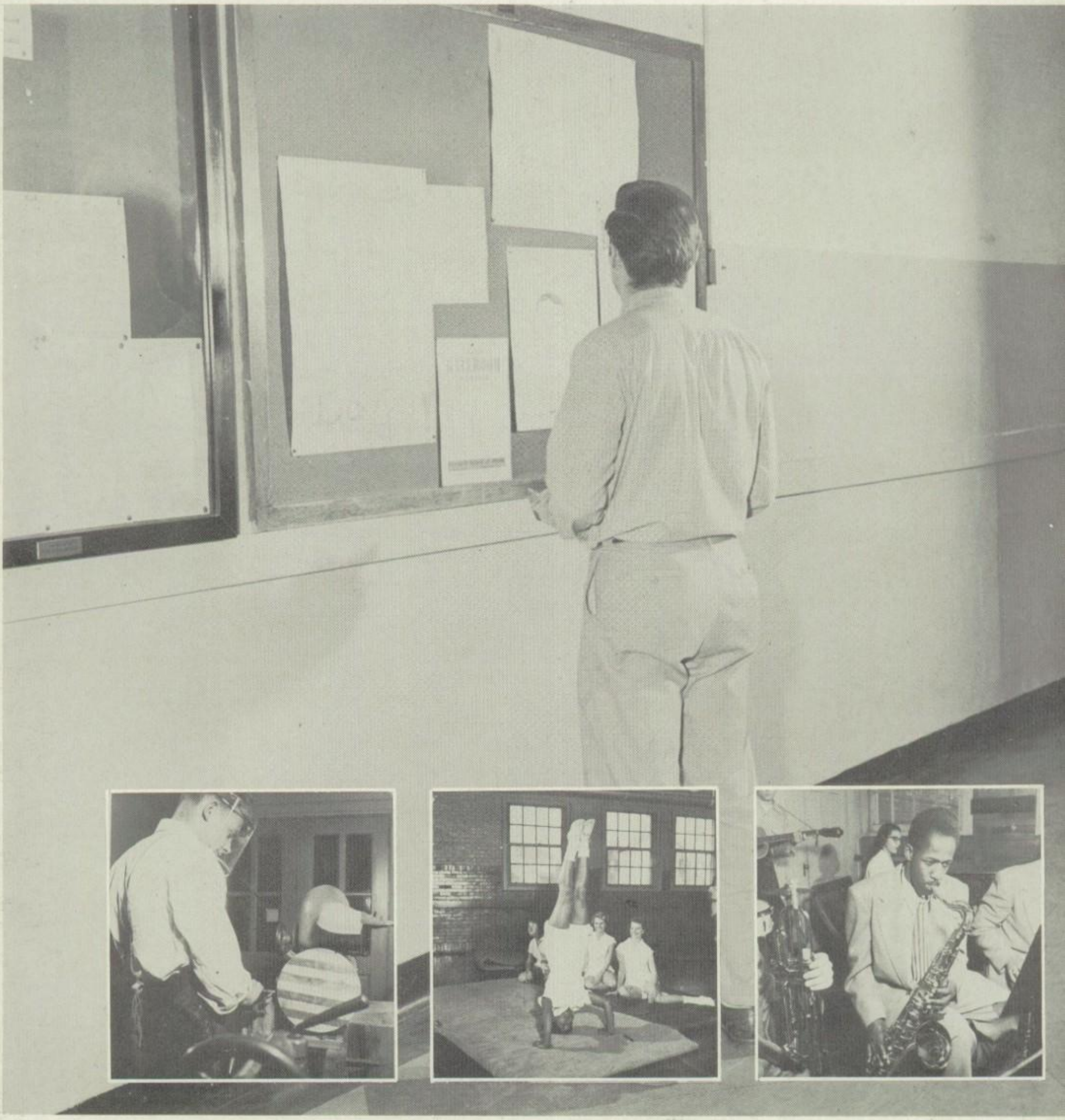
FRESHMAN OFFICERS
President—Steve Buckley
Vice-president—Julius Balog
Secretary—Barbara Hutchins
Treasurer—Barbara Brink

Eighth Grade

Seventh Grade

Where Honor Leads The Way Through

Activities



The Cabinet—Mr. Francis X. Constantine, Adviser; Ernest W. Docs, President; Sollace Molineux, Vice-president; Howard L. Goodenough, Secretary of Treasury; Almorian Brown, Secretary of Interior; Muffy Carpenter, Secretary of Activities; Marnie Schenck, Secretary of Assemblies; Marie Riebe, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Dean Scruggs, Attorney General; Gay Flood, Secretary of State.

Privilege of Self Government

The task of carrying out the suggestions and decisions of the Legislative Council, and of transforming words into actions, rests with the Executive Council, or Cabinet. This group includes: the school president, vice-president, class presidents, and various secretaries appointed by the president. Aiding the Executive Council are numerous committees supervised by the secretaries.

The Legislature consists of the homeroom presidents and the school vice-president, who presides over the council. These homeroom representatives act as the direct medium between the student body and the student government. Suggestions originating in homerooms are considered by this group and may eventually become laws made by the Executive Council.

The Supreme Court works for the prevention and elimination of problems that lead to poor school discipline. The Supreme Court—Mr. John B. Cassel, Adviser; Dean Scruggs, Attorney General; Senior Judges, Joan Schwartzkopf and Leonard Legg; Junior Judges, Bob Edelman and Carol Poppiendick; Sophomore Judges, Bob Nastonovich and David Moss; Freshman Judges, Susan Kempf and Richard Johnson.

The Patrols—The combined courtesy patrol, hall patrol, noon-hour patrol and safety patrol help to maintain the orderly conduct of students in the corridors and on the school grounds. They see that regulations for safety as well as rules of courtesy are followed. They also help direct school visitors. This school service is open to volunteers. Mr. John B. Cassell, Adviser; Ken Burton, Captain.

The Legislature—Senior homeroom presidents: Janis Burkhart, Sally Cook, Leonard Legg, and Charles Wiworski; Junior homeroom presidents: Gloria Ahearn, Peter Espenschied, Janet Hoops, James Moran, and Beverly Traver; Sophomore homeroom presidents: Nancy Crawford, Thomas Graham, Sandra Lawson, Gary Owens and Mary Ann Soporowski; Freshman homeroom presidents: Larry Daines, Helen Demarest, Noel Mendola and Allen Muglia.

Under the leadership of two able presidents, Greg Machyowsky and Ernest Docs, the last two years have seen a stronger student government organization. Highlights of this year's achievements included: inauguaration of a student athletic ticket, establishment of a student exchange, realization of a well organized Junior High Student Council, creation of a bus service to distant athletic events, promotion of a public address system for the school, expansion of the refreshment concession, initiation of a Loyalty Day and a crusade for sportsmanship and courtesy.

Thus another eventful year of Student Government service to the students of M. H. S. has gone by, leaving a remarkable record, leading to the ultimate goal—a better M. H. S. for all concerned.

BAND AND TWIRLERS

Every Saturday of the football season, you could see the chests of Metuchenites swelled with pride as the band and twirlers made their appearance on the field. Under the guidance of Mr. Condit Atkinson, these two groups have functioned with notable success. During the year the Metuchen High School Band added spice and color to many parades in town.

At every assembly the band has also played an entrance march and an exit march for the seniors.

Don Rumple has served as president, Roger Cutt as vice-president, Barbara Ayers as secretary, Sylvia Trembly as treasurer and Florence Manziano as librarian.

TWIRLERS

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Nancy Crawford, Linda Lochs, Phyllis Ten Eyck, Diane Flood, Judy Kingman, Carmella Eosso. STANDING: Joyce Hyldahl, Elaine Beck, Judy Coppola, Roberta McGuinness, drum majorette; Anne Dunne, June Baldsiefen, Marilyn Baumlen, Euncie Wagle.

GLEE CLUB

Like the band, the Glee Club performed in school functions throughout the year. Miss Nina Gromack supervised the songsters. The Christmas pageant and Spring Festival were the Glee Club's major projects. These sessions of beautiful music will long be remembered by all who attended or participated.

This year, for the first time, the 7th and 8th grades accompanied the club in their secular music. The Glee Club had no regular officers to "keep things running," but all the regular duties were handled very efficiently by Almorian Brown. All in all, it was a wonderful '52-'53 Glee Club.

Santa's exciting arrival was heralded by the M. H. S. Band when he chugged into town last December. Leading is our high-stepper Bobbie McGuinness.

The band engaged in a strenuous campaign this year to raise funds for new uniforms. Cooperating with the American Legion, they put on a rollicking minstrel show in February. Shown here is a serious scene from the Christmas crusade. P.S. They got them, too!

THE GERMAN CLUB

The German Club, under the faculty guidance of Miss Lieber Anker, had an ambitious program for the year.

Visiting student speakers from N.J.C. discussed their year in Germany. Members gave a German play, had a Christmas party, had a spring picnic, and took a special trip to New York City.

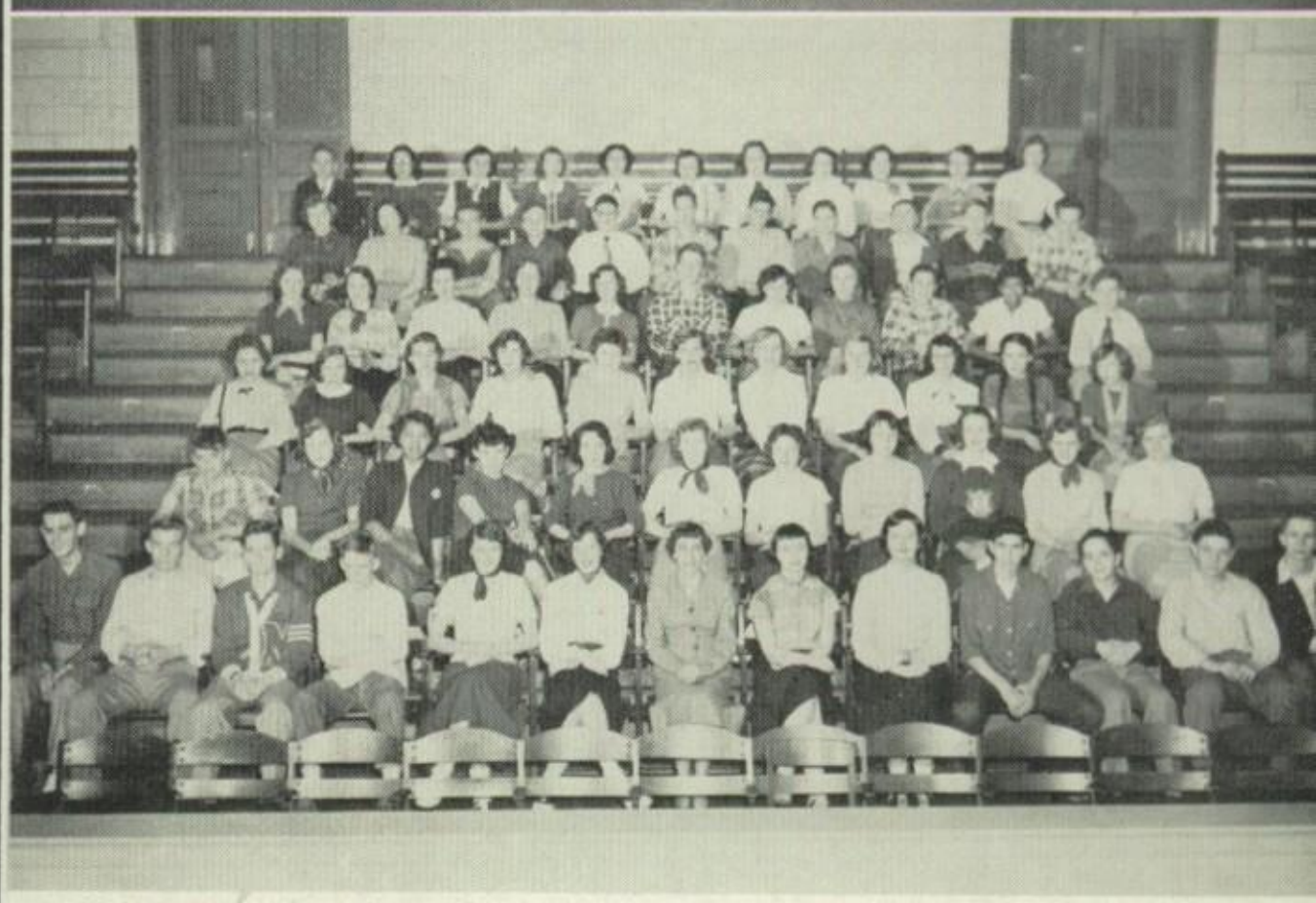
Fostering an interest in the language and country of Germany, the club functioned with the following officers: Ruth Tetschner, President; George Hollingshead, Vice-president; Joan Hoyer, Secretary; Carol Lankey, Treasurer; and Barbara Seifert, Program Chairman.

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club, under faculty adviser Mr. Morton Graham, was very active in the past year. Activities of the French Club included having a French guest, having meetings during which only French was spoken, and recording singing in French. The club also went to New York to see a Broadway show. Meetings were conducted under the following club officers: Sally Cook, President; Carmella Eosso, Vice-president; Judy Kingman, Secretary; and Morty Wernik, Treasurer.

LATIN CLUB

This year the Latin Club, guided by Miss Edith Fuccio, began with its usual hilarious initiations. Various events followed, such as a Christmas party and the annual trip to New York to see a Broadway show accompanied by the French and German Clubs. One of the cultural activities was having members give presentations that interpreted Roman life. Audrey McMahon acted as President of the club. Other officers were: Lee Clowes, Vice-president; Nancy Dickson, Secretary; and Peggy Siefert, Treasurer.



BULLDOG'S BARK

Our school paper, under the supervision of Miss Lieber Anker, editorial adviser, and Mrs. Mildred Hilley-Swank and Mrs. Beatrice Bovers, business advisers, informs, entertains, and gives journalistic experience to students. The staff of sixty-six was headed by Gay Flood, Editor; Audrey McMahon, Associate Editor; Muffy Carpenter, Feature Editor; Marnie Schenck, Sports Editor; Almorian Brown, Copy Editor; and Joan Lamparter, Exchange Editor. Joan Schwartzkopf and Elsie Kraut were Advertising and Business Managers, respectively, and Jeanette Cifrodelli, was Circulation Manager.

LIBRARY COUNCIL

The Library Club exists primarily for assisting with the work in the library. This past year the council with Irene Kjersgaard as President, Almorian Brown as Vice-president, Ann Anderson as Secretary, and Marilyn Davis as Treasurer, attended library conventions and visited various other schools in order to discover new ways to improve our own library. George Hollingshead acted as general assistant to this council. Miss Florence de Vries, School Librarian, directed the club.

THE "HUB"

The "Hub," under the faculty supervision of Mrs. Mildred E. Hilley-Swank, had many varied activities in the past year. Among these were sending clothing, toys, and a hamper of food at Christmas time to a family whose house had burned down. Other activities included the Christmas Noon Dance. The "Hub" also entered the State Typing Contest.

Officers of the club were: President, Lucille Sorgento; Vice-president, Anna McQueen; Recording Secretary, Patricia Leiss; Corresponding Secretary, Harriet Hatalay; and Treasurer, Patricia Goy.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

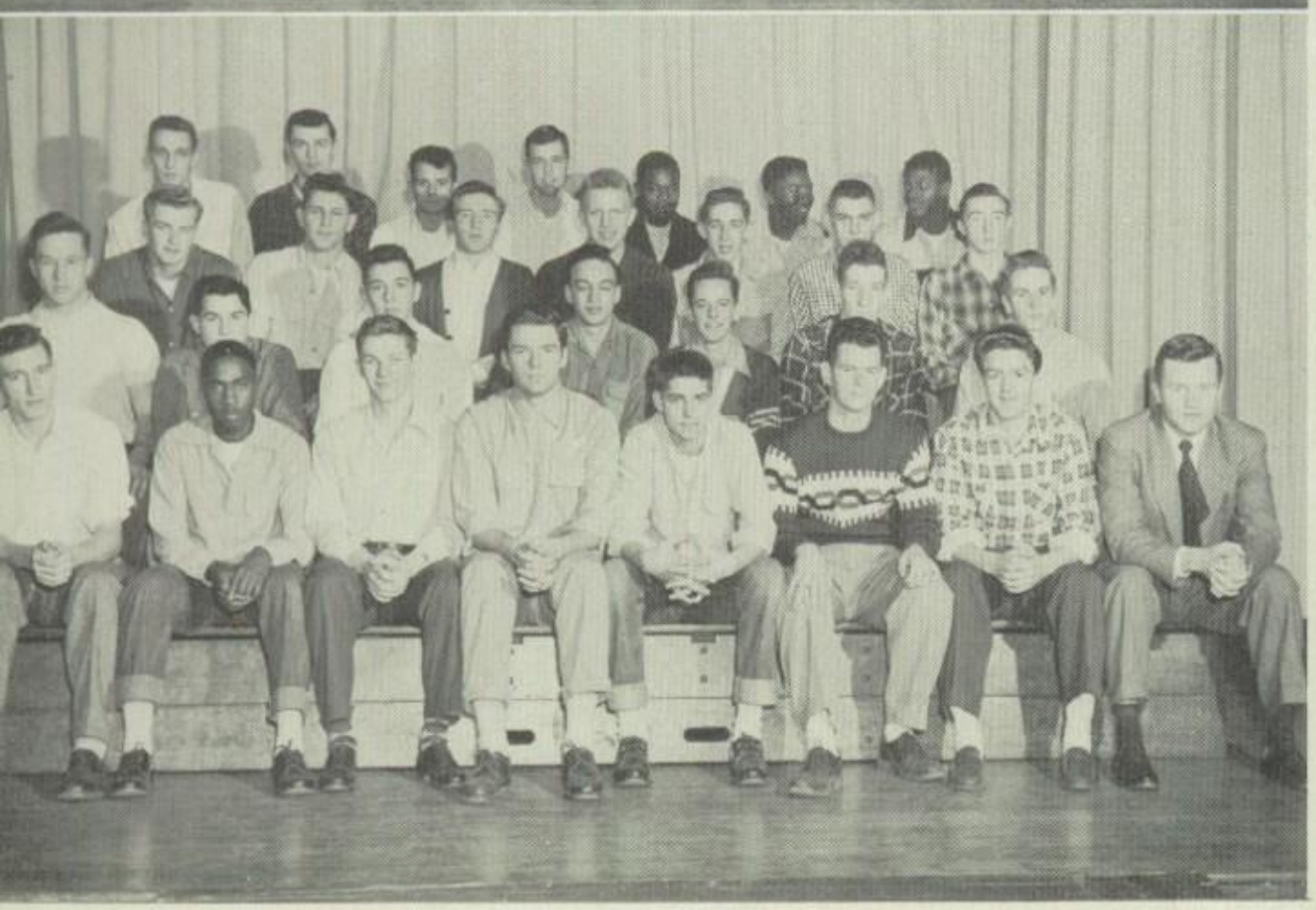
This club is affiliated with the national organization of the same name, and was named after a former supervising principal of M.H.S., Mr. Elmo E. Spoerl.

The members took charge of Student Day in April and put up window displays during American Education Week. Interested in the field of education, they investigated the advantages and disadvantages of the teaching profession by taking trips and listening to various speakers on education.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

Understanding other peoples of the world has been the purpose of the I.R.C. This club, under the direction of faculty adviser Mr. Robert Withey, consisted of 75 members. Lysbeth Ruckert served as President of the I.R.C., Winnie Mallette as Vice-president, Jan Van Voorhees as Secretary, Pat Leiss as Treasurer, and Janet Olechowski acted as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Edye Lou Wallace was in charge of programs.

An outstanding accomplishment of the I.R.C., made possible through the tedious collection of Acme slips, was the obtaining of a television set for the school.



VARSITY CLUB

The Varsity Club has completed its twenty-second year as a prominent organization in Metuchen High Schol.

In order to belong to this select group, a boy must have earned a Varsity "M."

The club has as its objectives: to instill higher ideals of sportsmanship in the student body, to encourage a higher appreciation of the Varsity letter, and to carry out various service projects throughout the school.

The officers were: President, Art Kempf; Vice-president, Tom King; Secretary, Pete Fedak; Treasurer, George Edwards. The faculty adviser was Mr. Thomas Bradley.

Photography Club

Literary Club

Psychology Club

Visual Aids Service

Music Appreciation Club

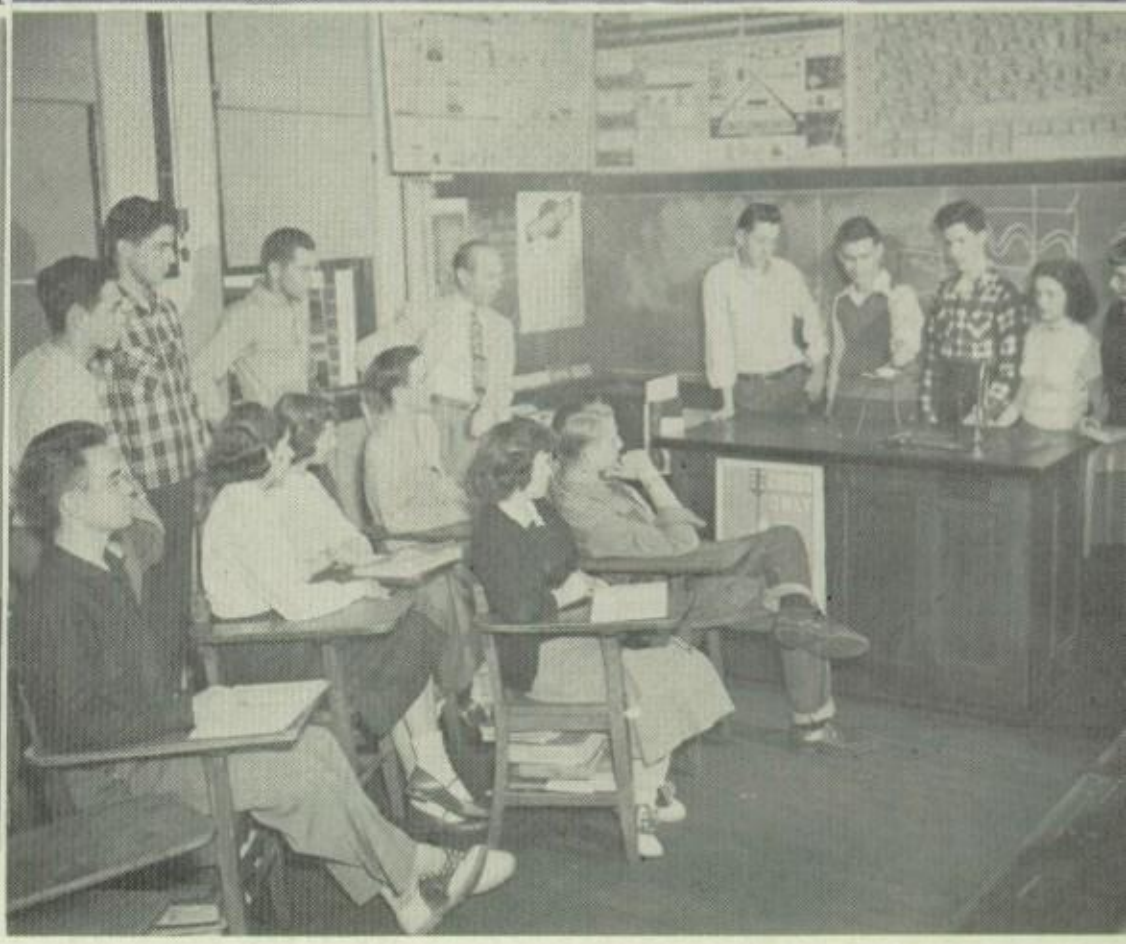
Creative Writing Club

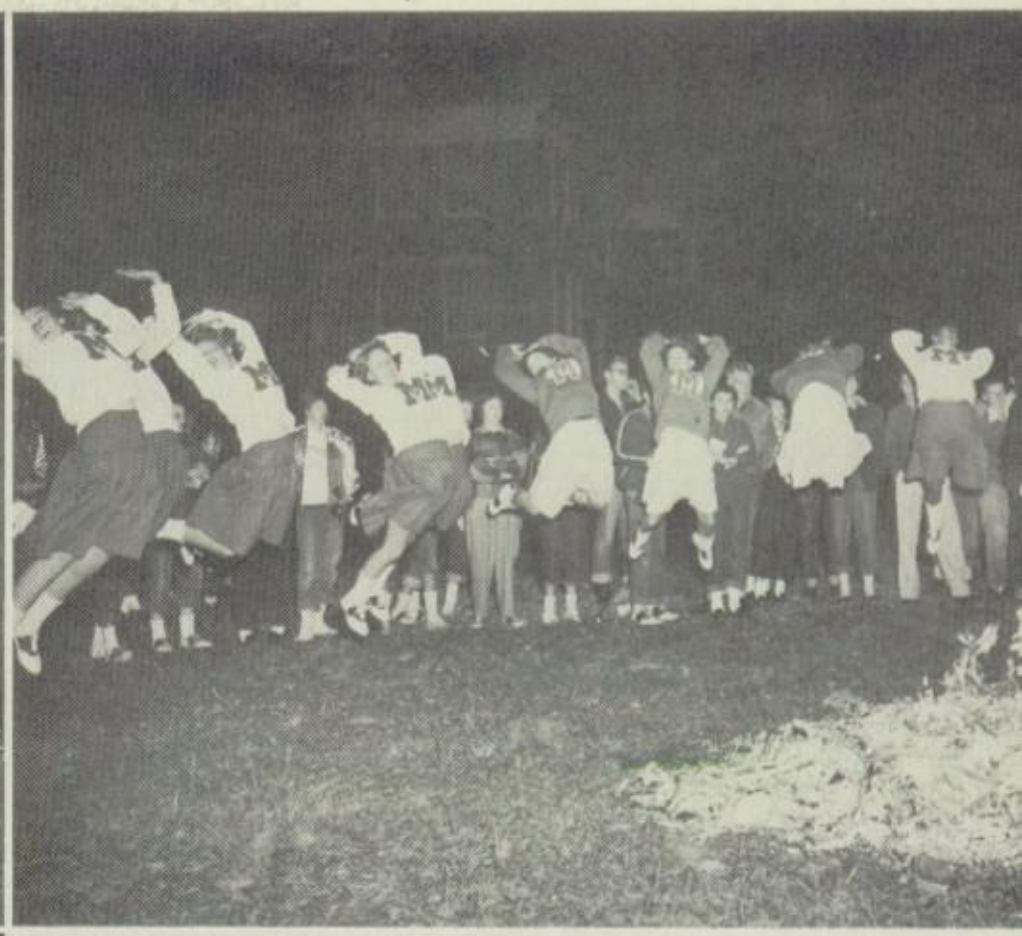
Footlighters

Biology Club

Chemistry Club

Future Business Leaders of America





CHEERLEADERS

Spirit and pep brightened the varsity-jay vee football and basketball games through the talents of our cheerleaders. Skillful cartwheels, somersaults, splits and effective yells contributed much to the M.H.S. sports scene. These high-spirited misses also stepped high with the band and twirlers in the many parades.

Hostess Club

Girls' Athletic Association

Mr. Elwood Jones
Adviser

Art Kempf
Editor

BLUE LETTER STAFF

By storming, pleading and threatening, Art Kempf, editor, finally produced the 1953 Blue Letter. Audrey McMahon was associate editor. The following served on the senior write-up committee under Sandra Carpenter: Ernst Docs, Almorian Brown, Marjorie Schenck, Joan Schwartzkopf, Thurza Prewett, Joan Hoyer and Audrey Kolbus. Marie Riebe and her committee, Ruth Tetschner and Barbara Seifert, did the club write-ups. Tom Romeo and Tony Hutson did the sports write-ups. Jane Christensen directed publicity

Catherine Koenig was business manager and Edith Maxwell was collection manager assisted by: Patricia Breen, Mildred Erle, Kathryn Frace, Marion Heller, Elsie Kraut, Raymond Leitner, Roberta McGuinness, Eleanor Muho, Helen Shuster, Lucille Sorgento, Gertrude Swanson and Eunice Wagle.

Gay Flood composed the class history and John Nestor created the art work. Larry Kaplowitz handled all mimeographing. While June Kaiser served as secretary to the Blue Letter staff, those who served as special typists were Elsie Kraut, Marion Heller and Martha Roach. The faculty adviser was Mr. Jones; the business adviser was Mrs. Hilley-Swank.

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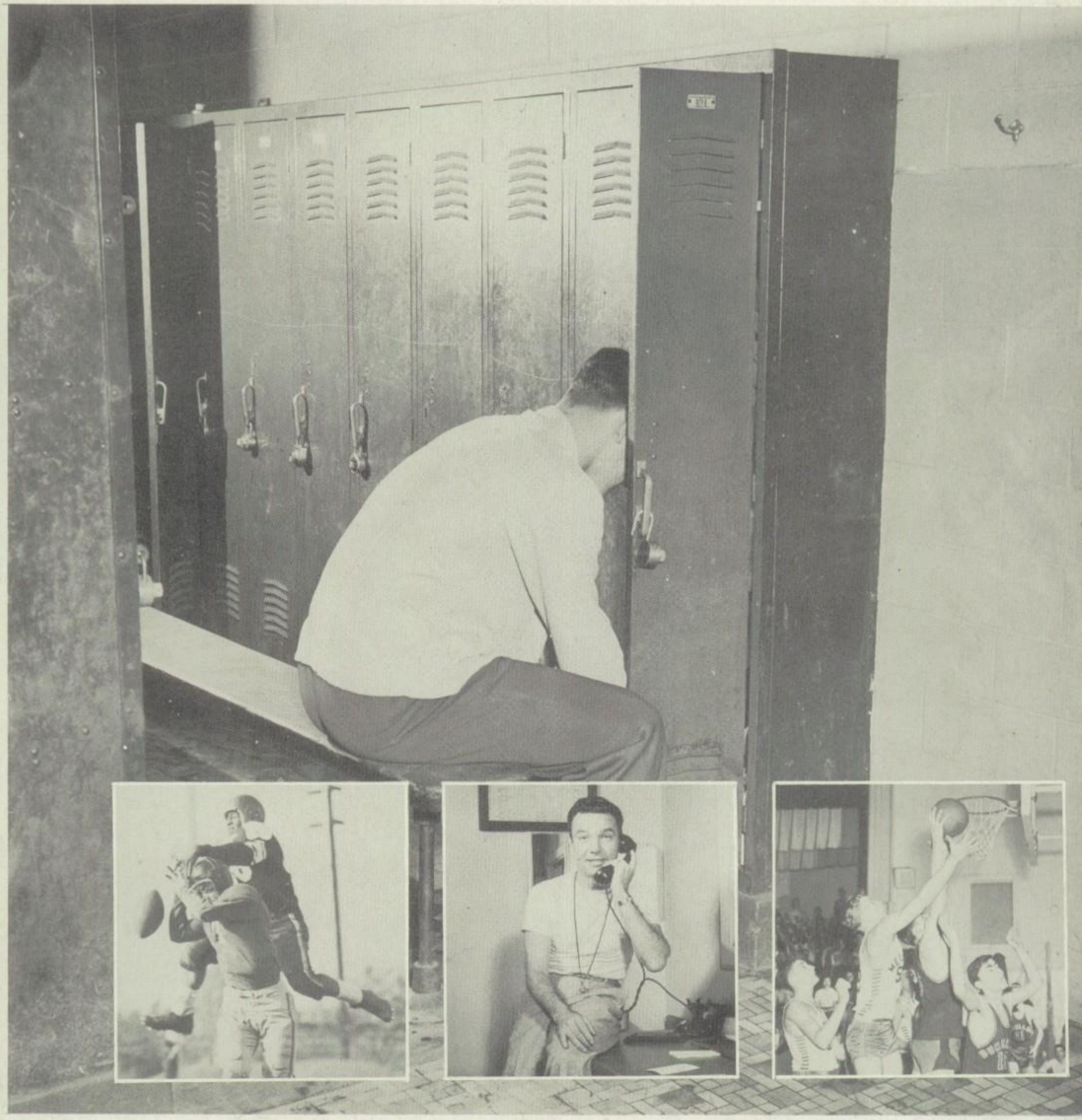
Sports



KNEELING: Harry Hall, George Edwards, Tom Goy, Tom Romeo, Joe Nastanovich, Pete Fedak, Bill Schedneck and Bill Groben. MIDDLE ROW: Coach Totin, Dick Wickberg, Mike Muha, Tom Carpenter, Mike McFaul, Don Matthews, Bob Foster, Pete Smith, Ed Kukish and Charles Wilcox. REAR ROW: Richie McCombs, George Kedrowsky, Walt Holiday, Bob Nastanovich, Ken Burton, Lloyd Bryant and Nel Stallings.

Building Character with FOOTBALL

With school opening late in September, the Metuchen gridiron activities suffered a severe set-back.

The game with Atlantic Highlands was cancelled and the Blue and White swung into action with an impressive win at Dunellen. Most of the backfield managed to hit pay-dirt in the 30-0 victory.

In their homecoming tilt with a powerful North Arlington eleven the Totinites played superior ball to gain a hard-fought 12-6 decision. Both touchdowns were scored on passes by Mike Muha, one to Leon Carpenter and one to Bill Shedneck.

The following Saturday Metuchen traveled to New Brunswick to face Saint Peter's. The game was a hard-fought defensive battle all the way with the Bulldogs coming out on top 6-0 when Joe Nastanovich picked up a deflected pass and galloped into the end zone.

At Edgar Field again the next weekend the Bulldogs met Lambertville in a game which provided many thrills for the assembled throng. When the dust settled, the scoreboard read 13-13. Carpenter and Muha each scored for the local eleven.

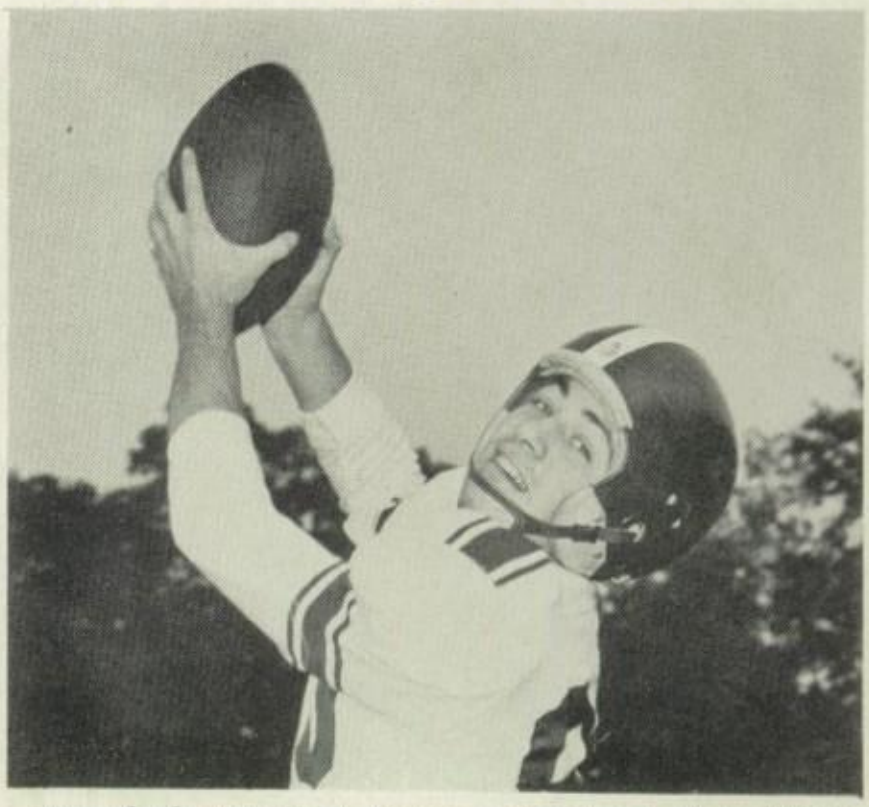
Seven days later the Metuchen gladiators moved shoreward to encounter Keyport and the Brainy Borough eleven was mauled to the tune of 38-0. Several key men were able to see only limited action if any at all.

Back on home grounds the next Saturday the physically battered Bulldogs met a strong Scotch Plains aggregation and again tasted defeat. The game was highlighted by a 92-yard touchdown dash by Richie McCombs. The final score was 14-9.

After a week's layoff Metuchen picked up an old rivalry at Highland Park. The inclement weather aided Highland Park in scoring on two costly Bulldog fumbles. The Owls scored again and Metuchen pushed one over to make the final score 19-6. Muha scored the lone Metuchen six-pointer.

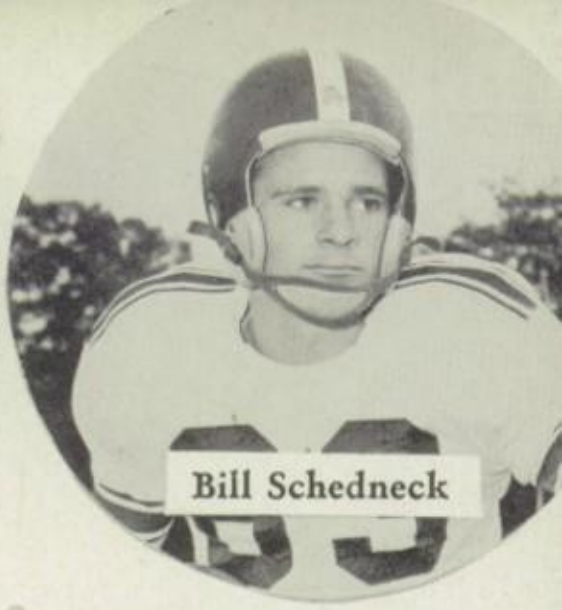
Outstanding junior tackle Dick Wickberg was chosen on two All-County teams and also on the Group II All-State team. Leon Carpenter also received All-County mention.

The results of the annual team vote were as follows: Most Valuable Player, Dick Wickberg; Most Improved Player, Bob Nastanovich; Honorary Captain, Tom Romeo.

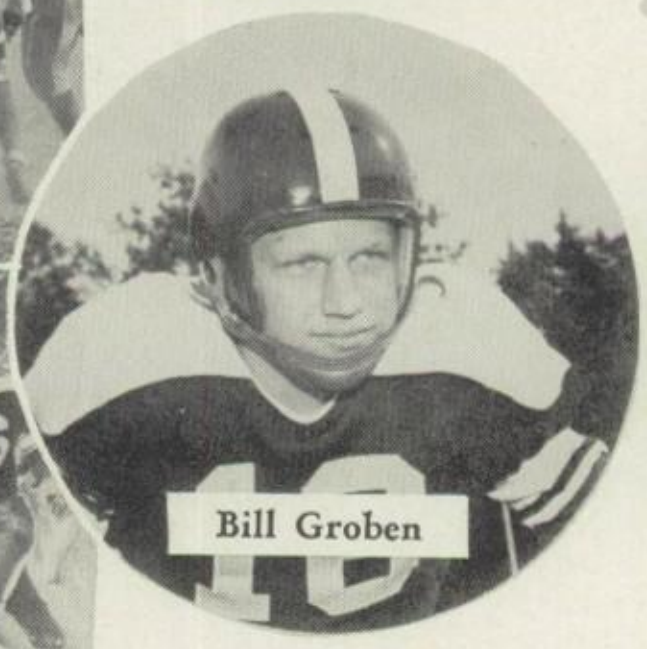


It's a high one, Tom! Romeo, who played all backfield positions, was chosen captain for the '52 season.

Joe Nastanovich



Bill Schedneck



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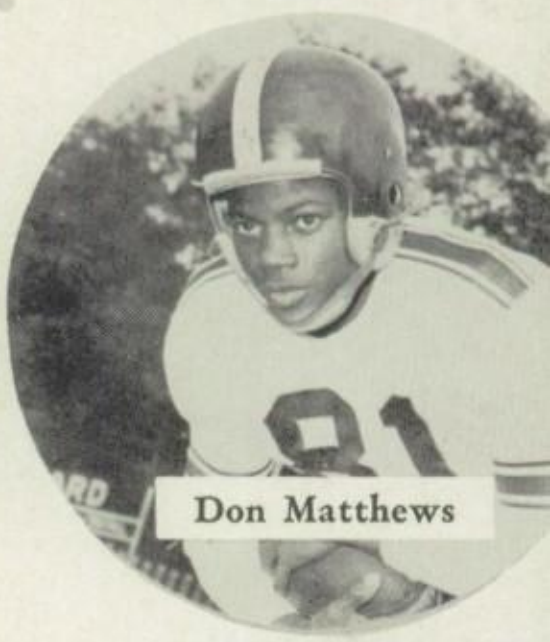
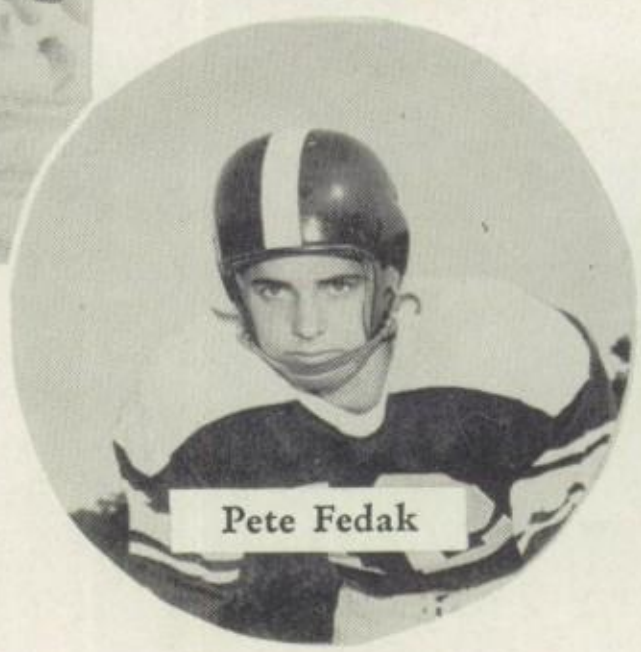
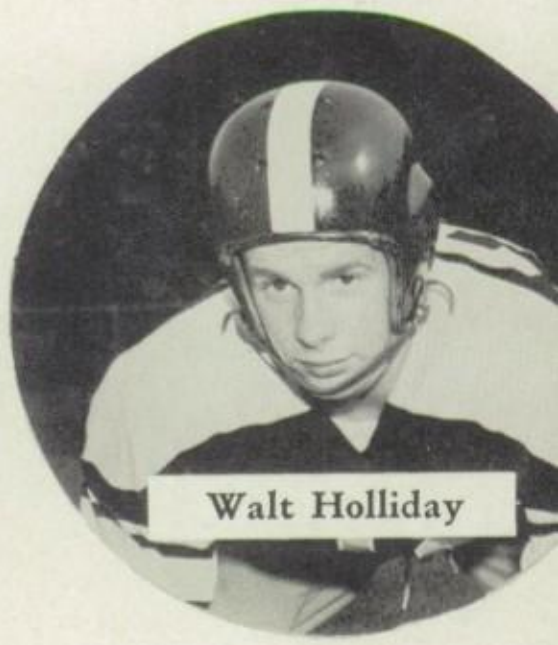


Don Matthews



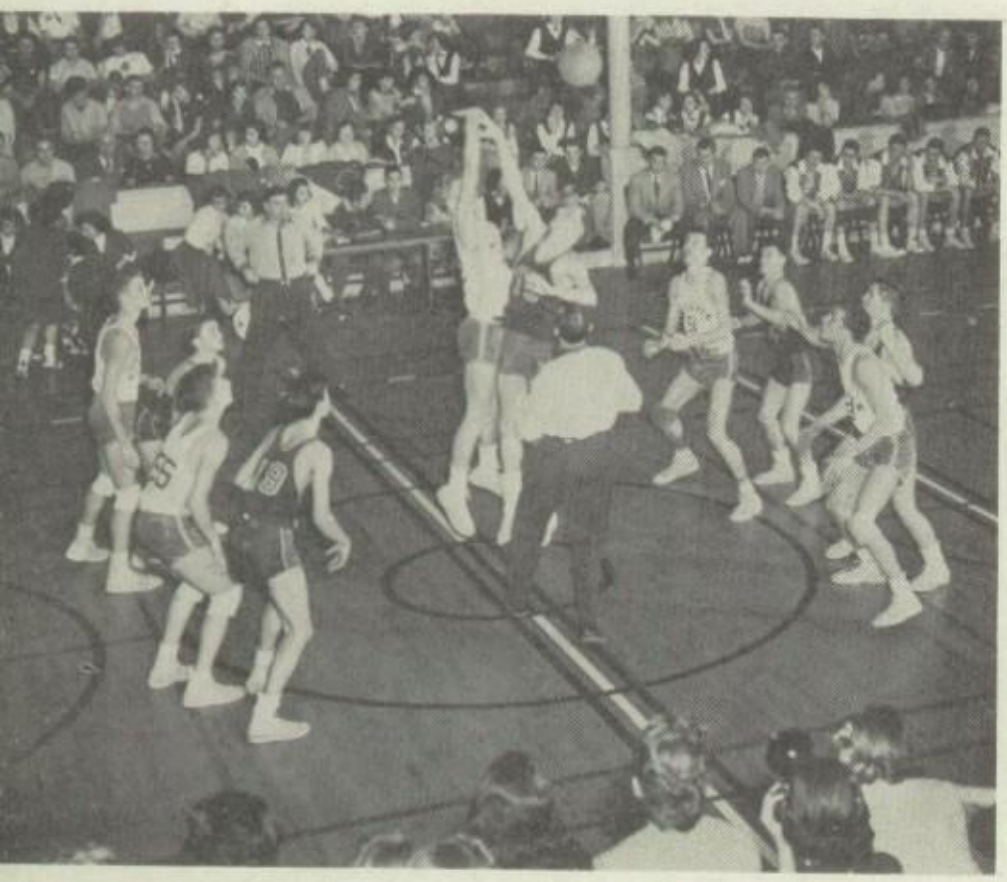
Pete Fedak

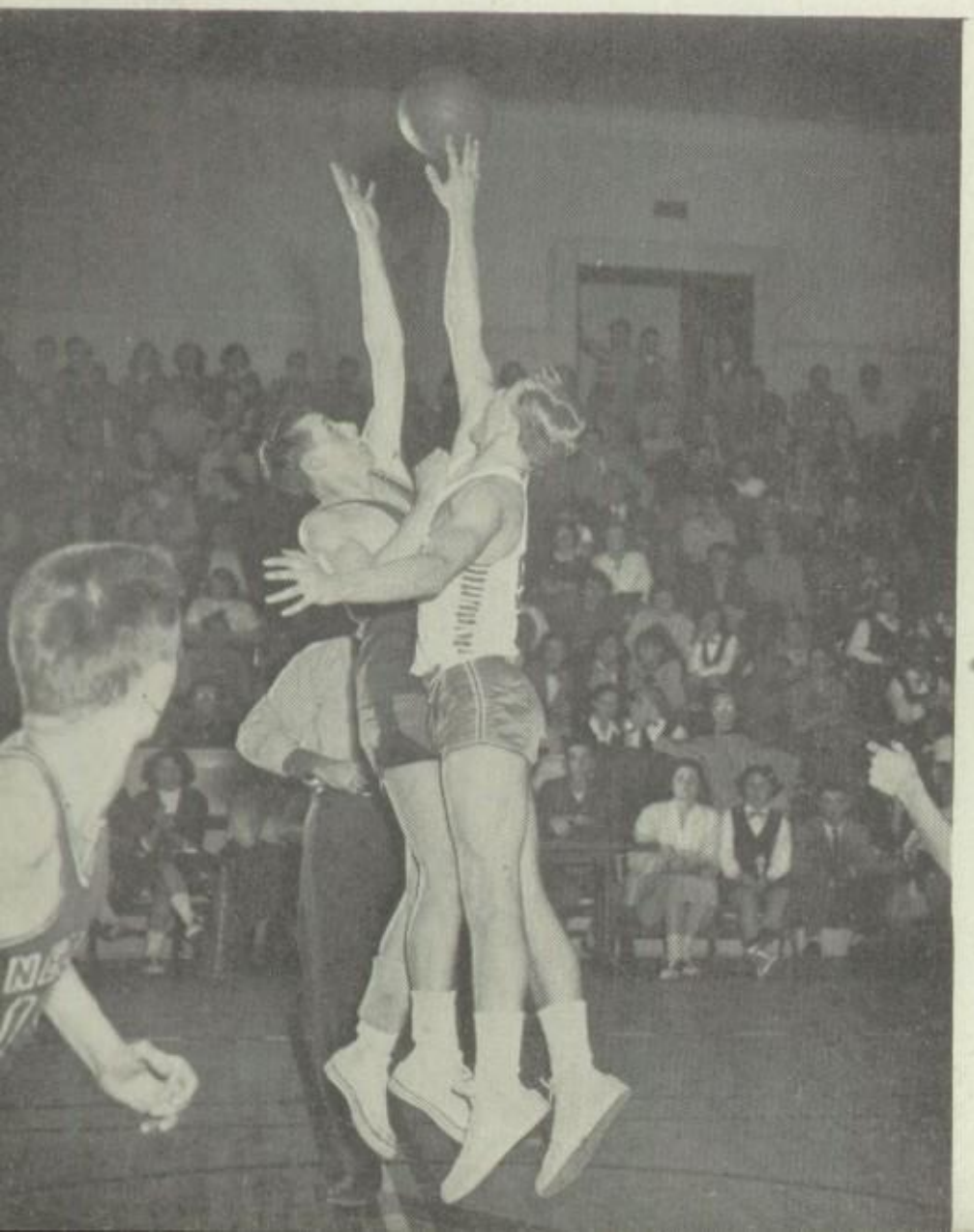


Walt Holliday

Rough and ready guards, Harry Hall and Tom Goy, completed three years of varsity ball. Though light, both showed plenty of fight.

This shot, taken at Friday afternoon signal practice, shows George Edwards snapping the ball to Mike Muha as Harry Hall prepares to defend.





BASKETBALL

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As we go to press the record of the Bulldog five stands at seven wins as against nine losses with two games remaining on the schedule. After their last game the Bulldogs will swing into action against a strong Leonardo quintet in State Tournament play.

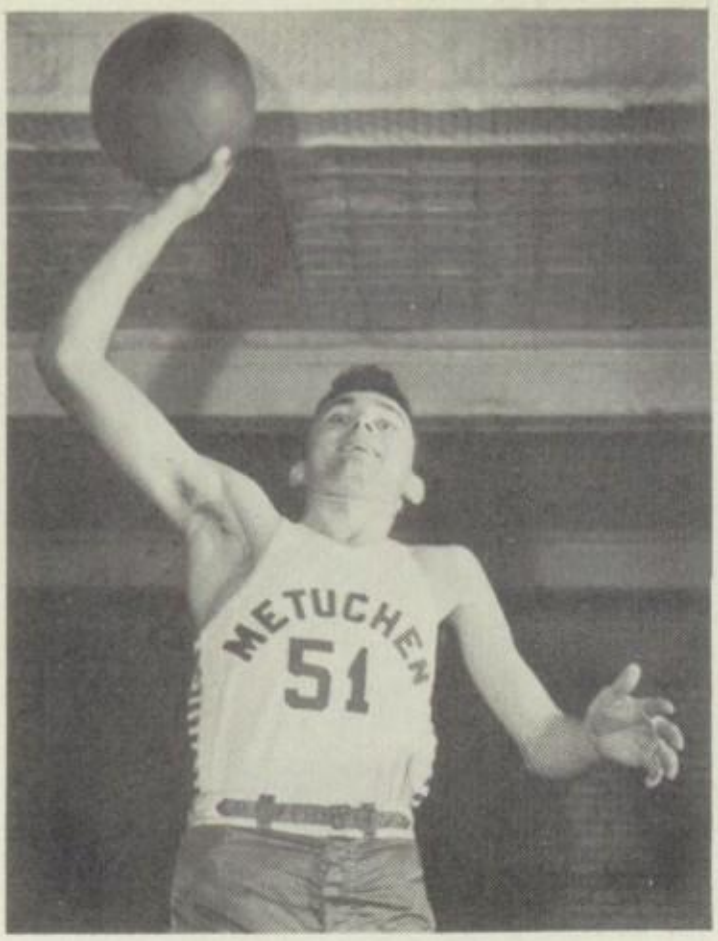
As the season draws rapidly to a close Dick Wickberg leads the scoring race with an average of 17.4 points per game. Following close behind him are Joe Nastanovich (13.3) and Mike McFaul (12.8).

Coach Kelly was faced with a mass rebuilding job this year with only three experienced operators returning. With these boys as a nucleus and a group of up-and-coming underclassmen he was able to mould a scrappy, high scoring quintet. Though weak on defense, the team was able to make a good showing every time they took the floor.

The Metuchenites scored impressive wins over Sayerville, Dunellen, Roselle, Jamesburg, and Millburn while dropping games to such powers as St. Mary's, Highland Park, and Scotch Plains.

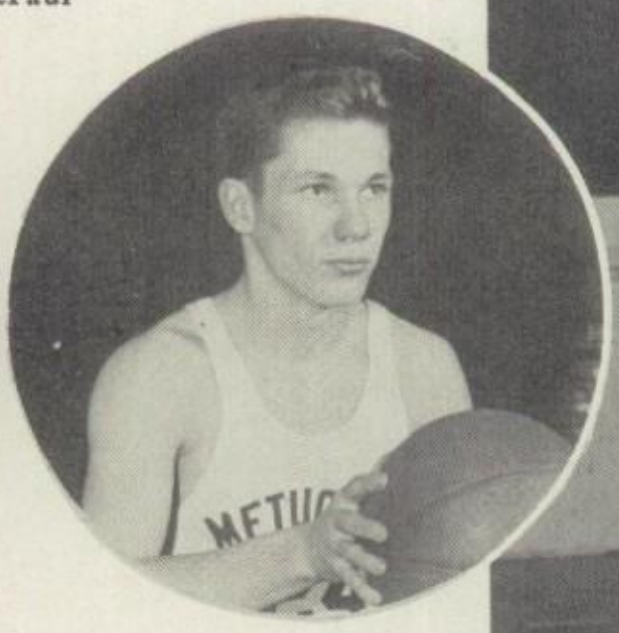
Joe Nastanovich was voted Most Valuable Player by the team.

"Strategists"

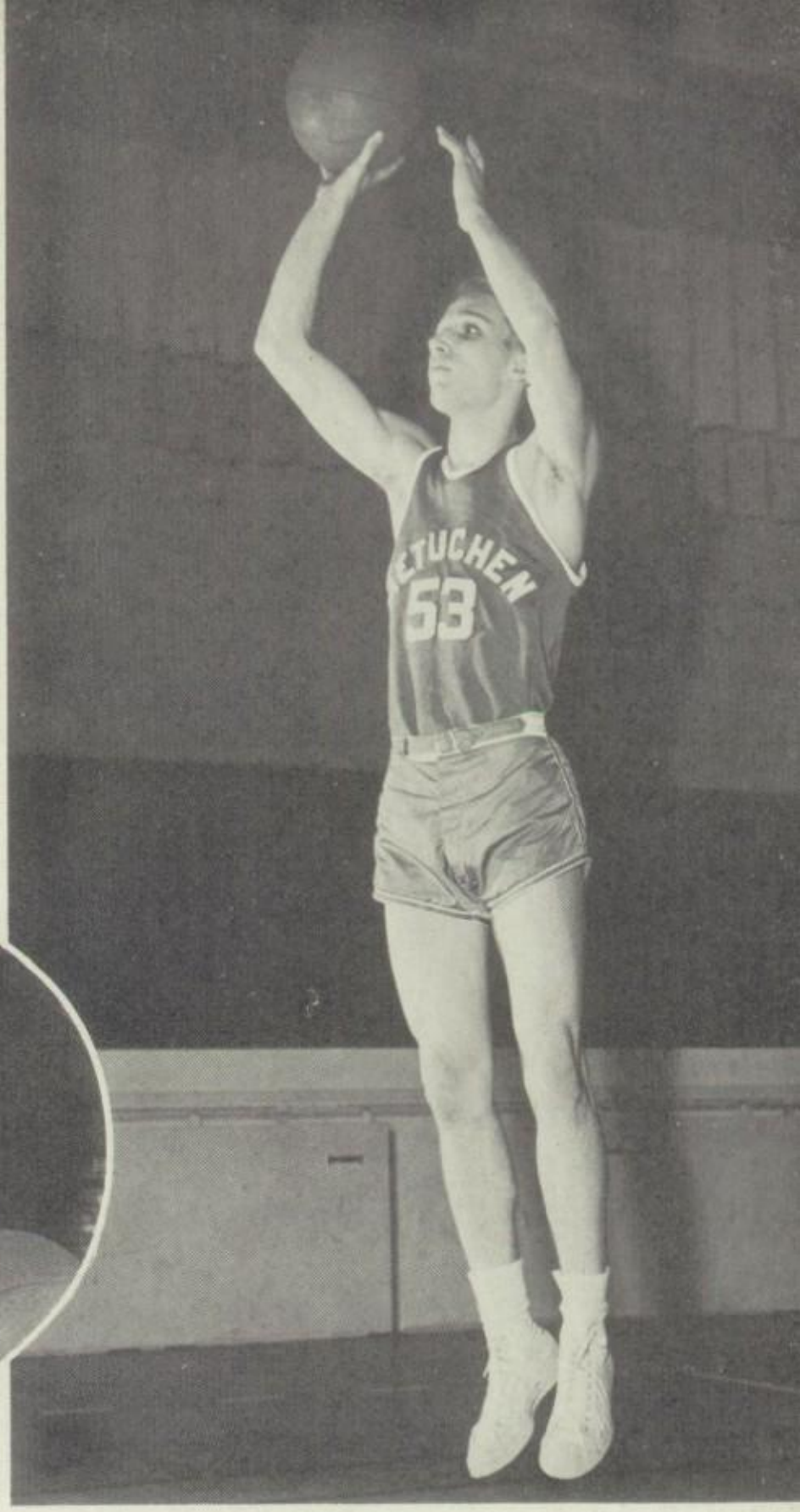


Mike McFaul

Dick Wickberg

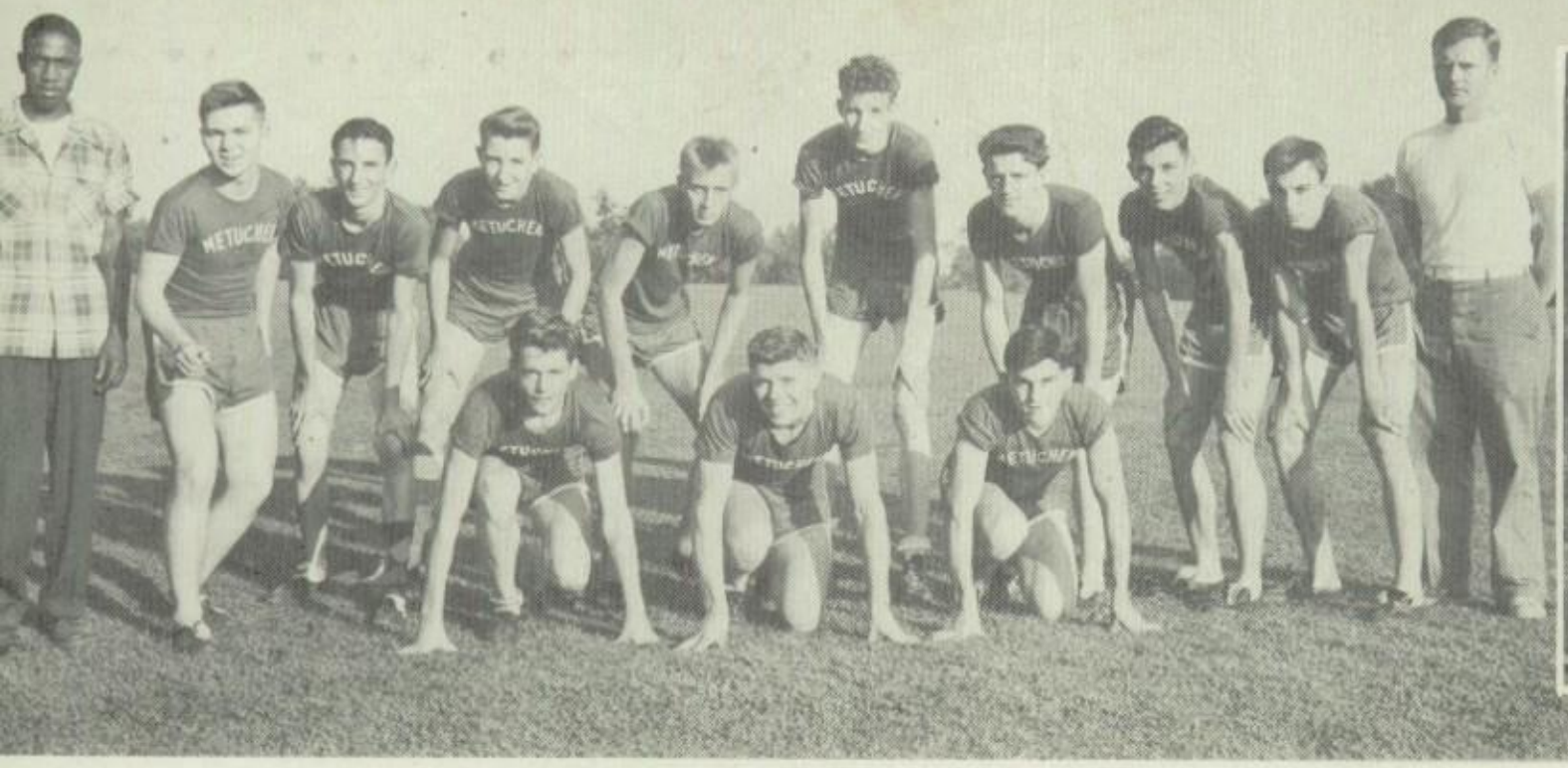


Tom Carpenter



Joe Nastanovich

Kneeling: F. Schneider, T. Carpenter, R. Nastanovich, J. Nastanovich. *Standing:* R. Thompson, J. Dickinson, R. Wickberg, B. Topping, W. Frye, Coach Kelly.



At the Finish Line

First Row—R. McCoombs, M. Muha, E. VanSise, L. Bryant. *Second Row*—Coach Hartland, L. Legg, R. Regan, F. Winchegal, S. Hogland, J. Hoops, L. Carpenter. *Standing*—W. Schnedneck, T. Faggioni, R. Daines, L. Borberly, R. Wickberg, M. McFaul, F. Papp, A. Needham.

TRACK

CROSS-COUNTRY

The cross-country team, under Coach Tom Bradley, again had a great year. The Metuchen Harriers won seven of their nine dual meets. This includes a victory over the State Champions, Rahway. The team was beaten by Union and New Brunswick by a total of only three points. The all-time record of cross-country teams at Metuchen High School now stands at thirty-seven wins and five losses.

Led by Co-Captains Tom King and Hans Hansen, and by Bert Topping, who was voted Most Valuable, the team did well. It placed second in the State Meet and third in the Central Jersey Meet.

BASEBALL

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Under the watchful eye of Mr. George Hartland, the 1952 baseball team walloped its way into a Central Jersey Group II Championship with the outstanding record of thirteen wins and only two defeats.

The following hurlers carried the brunt of the mound work for the Bulldogs: Mike McFaul (5-0), Bill Schnedneck (6-2), and Mike Muha (2-0). Muha was the leading batter with a .457 average.

Johnny Hoops (Captain) and Lou Borberly (Most Valuable Player) led the Metuchen diamonders who dropped their only two decisions to St. Peters (11-10) and to Highland Park (2-0).

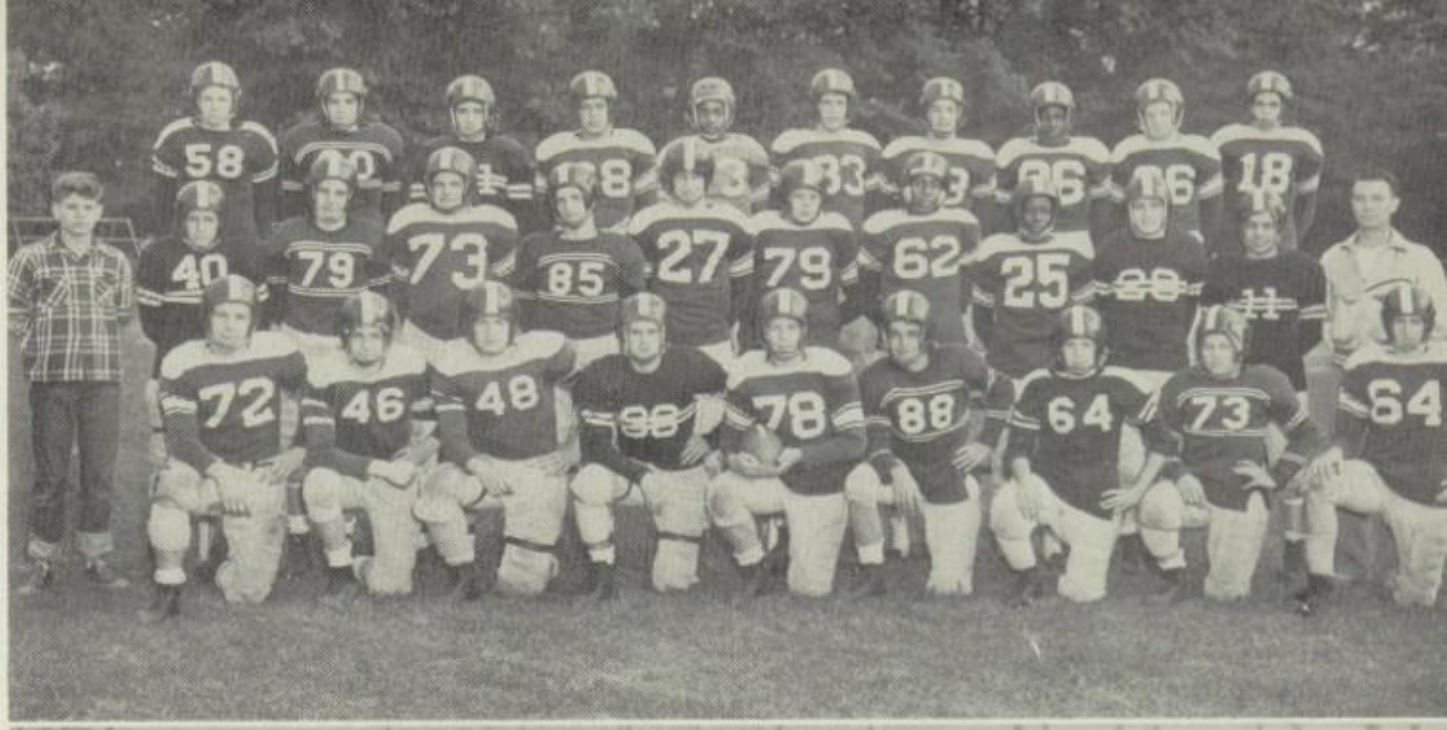
Front Row—L. Legg, R. Fink, C. Benni. *Back Row*—D. Scruggs, G. Hollingshead, D. Page, R. Thompson, B. Topping, J. Reynolds, H. Hansen, T. King, W. Pochik, Coach Bradley.

Batter Up!

FRESHMAN AND J.V. FOOTBALL

This year the Freshman football team had another remarkable season. The Little Bulldogs were never beaten in their six-game schedule for their third consecutive undefeated season, under the tutelage of Mr. George Hartland.

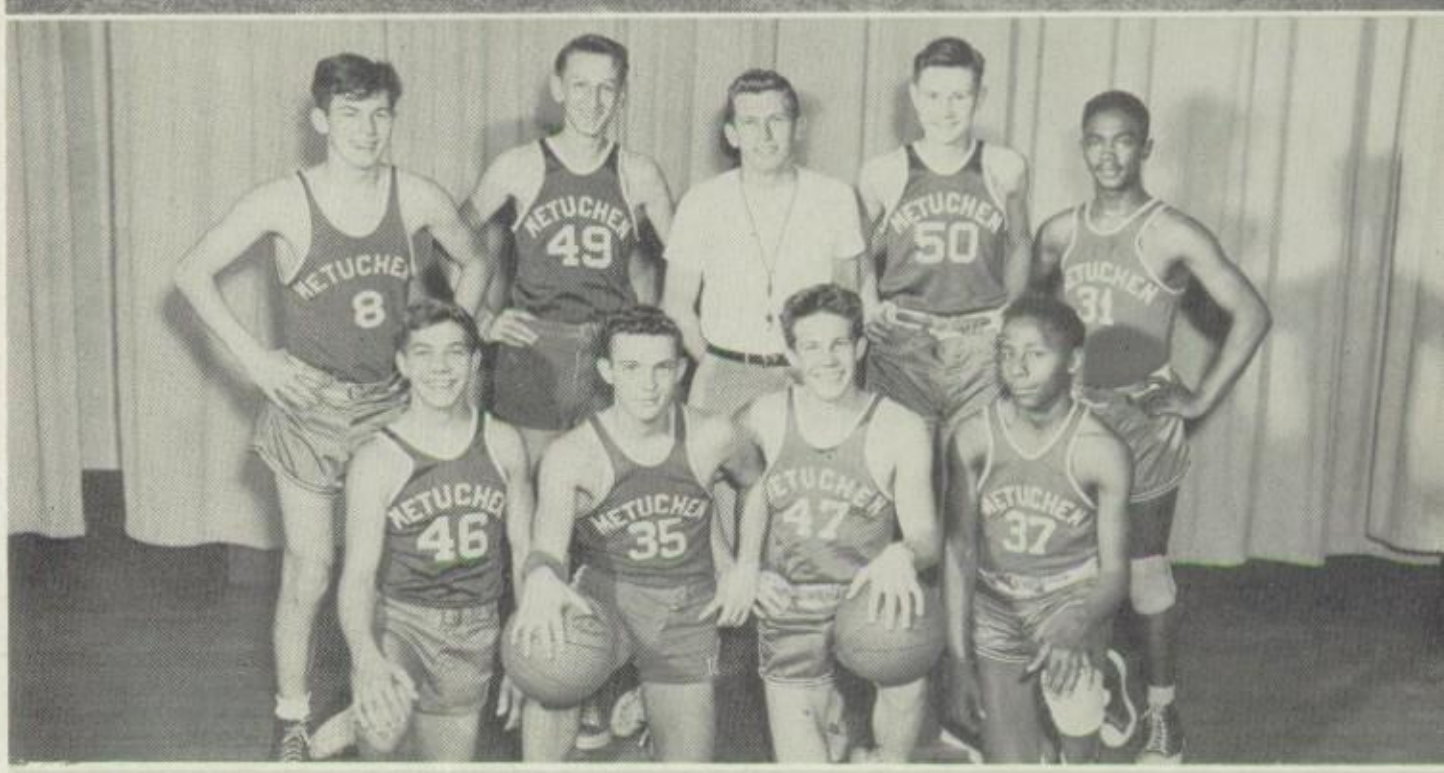
Fielding one of the best teams in the area, M.H.S. scored 112 points to their opponent's 25.



J.V. BASKETBALL

Although Mr. Withey's initial year at the helm of the J.V. cagers was not very successful record-wise, several good performers were developed and moved up to the Varsity during the season.

After a slow start the little Bulldogs closed out their season by winning their last few games.



FRESHMAN AND J.V. CROSS-COUNTRY

The Freshman Cross-Country team ended its regular season with a record of three wins and no defeats. The Freshmen defeated Union, Freehold, and Seton Hall Freshmen teams in succession. Bruce Granroos paced the team.

The J.V. Cross-Country team finished the 1952 season with a 3-2 record.

The J.V.'s beat Plainfield, Princeton, and Irvington while they lost to New Brunswick and Seton Hall. The team was paced by Art Morey.

JAY VEE BASEBALL

The J.V. Baseball team had another rough year. Even though they lost most of their games, their close scores in many of them indicate true fighting spirit and real willingness to play the game, giving their all.

Leading the team to its few victories were Bill Frye, Ray Borup and Fritz Metzger. The rest of the team was made up of Mert Mulic, Frank Schneider, Jad Sortore, Kenny Burton, Bob Nastanovich, and Robert Kubiac.

TRIO

LITERARY CLUB. Looking through Blue Letter in future years, I shall find a smile and a memory in the picture of the Literary Club. I'll remember Miss Haitsch, our faculty adviser, gently closing the door to Room 26 and thus urging President Muffy Carpenter, or Vice-president Martha Roach, to call the "bookworms" to order. Joan Schwartzkopf would scramble through her notes for the minutes while Lennie Legg smiled benignly. Having no dues made him the most popular treasurer of '53. Harry Smith, librarian, rarely squeezed in a word, for we were hard to stop when launched on Galsworthy, Steinbeck, or the greatest of them all, Shakespeare (as good club members, we bowed to his picture on the wall). When we discussed drama, a sure way to success was to have seen a play recently. Those memorable discussions! No "ex-literate" will ever hear O'Neill's name without remembering Miss Haitsch and "the greatest living playwright." We'll recall reports from various members, but we enjoyed discussion periods best. Everyone clamored to speak of what each had seen, heard and read.

But the club left us with more than memories. We learned how great is our heritage of literature. We learned how to be analytical. We are indebted to Miss Haitsch not only for being the organizer and adviser of the group, but for implanting in us a desire to know more about the best literature. Our lives were enriched and our interest in life was deepened.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB. On Page 44 is a picture of us who banded together under Miss Farrell's guidance with the intense purpose of learning how to write. On a typical Thursday afternoon President Fraser Metzger might say, "First on the agenda is—well, Bruce Wallis has written a story. He's going to read it now." This is greeted with groans and smiles. Bruce drones on, with members rolling in the aisles either from the merit of the tale or from its banality. Finishing, he sits amid cheers, perhaps; amid criticisms, certainly. "Has anyone else written anything?" pleads our president. Everyone looks at everyone else until finally some brave soul admits he has tried his skill at a poem and would like the members to tell him, as mercifully as possible, what they think of it. Of course, at times we prove that as writers we are temperamental. This was especially true on the afternoon the atom bomb fell in our midst because a brief article had been requested for Blue Letter. How could creative writers write "on order" rather than from inspiration? Someone suggested that the club donate money instead of a masterpiece; Treasurer Tom King vetoed that because of low finances—too many refreshments. When we adjourned little had been accomplished — unless we might call this bit of Tom King's verse a literary gem.

We have written long with might,
"Sweat, blood, and tears";
And what does it get us? Right!
Laughs, sneers, and jeers.

THE FOOTLIGHTERS. The footlights caused wavering shadows on the curtain backdrop that evening. The auditorium was empty, but for a few scattered watchers listening intently to dialogue being thrust at an absent multitude. On the stage were four individuals deeply engrossed in small green playbooks as they projected themselves into their roles. A call of criticism rang through the air and momentarily broke the concentration. A slight change in tone, an emphasis here, a gesture there — and Miss Link, our faculty adviser, had guided the thespians in capturing the mood of a tense moment. While Miss Link, her chin resting on her fist, studied the players, they were creating a world of imagination. The old blue wicker table, familiar prop for rehearsals, became a fumed-oak dining table or perhaps an executive's desk. The backdrop curtain became the wall of a hut or mansion as the play required. This was the magic, part of the fun in a club that studied acting and staging. Although tryouts made us nervous, almost everybody wanted to be in plays. Always near were President Irene Kjersgaard or Vice-president Marilyn Davis. Secretary Sally Cook made notes, keeping record of club activities, while Treasurer Roger Cutt attempted to compete the cost of play production. Those Wednesday afternoon meetings full of necessary business discussions led to valuable experiences. A special glamor set apart our hours with the Footlighters.

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Best wishes in future years,
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"I would give up my job for yours of the future - I'm sure I wouldn't be wrong. Beat 8 luck. Ed Leis

Dale Owens
Thats me.

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"Bruce Arbuter"

"Speedo"

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